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HOMELESSNESS  
DEMONSTRATION  
PROJECT**

**HI-SET**

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## Parent Community Outreach Program

### **HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education/Kinship~**

#### HiSET

We have four students working remotely and two in person. Two students will soon be registering to attempt their TABE Test at the end of November.

#### **Grandparents Raising Grandkids/Kinship (a program within äisspoömmoötsiiyö•p)**

##### Kinship Program

We are working to connect Grandparents/Kinship families to local resources. Again, we have identified more families and children than we had last year which was 173 Kinship parents and 531 Kinship children. We now have 269 Grandparents/Kin raising 592 students.

We will hold have monthly meetings with Kinship parents to offer advice, help with paperwork if needed, register with Montana Kinship and give out new information.

##### Aging Mastery Program

We continue to reach out to elders in our community to check on their well-being, offer help filling out medical applications, wills, and an assortment of other services that might be hindering them.

We will also be offering a beading opportunity to those interested, each Friday, as a winter self-care activity and also as an opportunity for Kin to bead their Senior Students' caps and/or gowns for graduation.

(See Flier below).

**Kinship,  
HiSET and  
Graduation**

*Beading is Relaxing*

Come to the Parent Community Outreach Program and Learn to bead your child's graduation hat or just make your own project  
Every Friday From 8:00 am to 12:00 pm starting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Beading supplies will be provided by the Kinship and HiSET programs  
We are located in the Browning Elementary School, go to the front of the building and follow the ramp that leads downstairs, knock on the door and we will welcome you in with hot coffee and tea.

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*McKinney Vento Data update:*

*We identified #326 students as experiencing homelessness for academic year 2021-2022.*

## **McKinney Vento-**

We have identified 168 students who are experiencing homelessness and who meet the eligibility for McKinney Vento. We are still working to offer support and one of the supports we were able to connect most of the students too was winter clothing. We distributed over 300 hats and 150 pairs of gloves to all of the schools. We also distributed over 280 coats; district wide. We received over 58 needs request forms within a three-week span and we were able to meet most of the needs through our donations. Because we still have some unmet needs of our students, we will be holding a “Fill the Bus” event, requesting assistance from our community to full-fill all of our winter clothing requests. (See Flier Below)

On October 18&19- Shanna, Jerelyn, and I attended the MT OPI- Community of Practice Conference in Great Falls. We were fortunate to have been able to attend this conference. We met with other Great Falls Public School staff as well as homeless service providers with the same focus- ending homelessness throughout the state of Montana. We were learned about the group homes, JDC, alternative school, and met with other Foster Care Liaisons and gained valuable insights. The most important take-away from this conference was witnessing the collaboration and coordination of services for the students and families experiencing homelessness. Which, is what I want to focus the rest of our work towards, creating stronger relationships with other service providers within our community to provide wrap-around services for our students.

On October 29-November 2, 2022, Shanna and I attended the 2022 National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) in San Diego, CA. We were able to network with other McKinney Vento Liaisons as well as YHDP case managers and have intentional conversations about how they best provide support to students as well as engage and collaborate with community partners. As a team, I would like to adopt some of their practices and implement them here as well. We received some news regarding national funding and what to expect as time moves on. Browning Public Schools-Parent Community Outreach Program was also recognized for our efforts in providing support to students and families experiencing homelessness, within our rural location. We were able to walk away from the conference with creative ideas for outreach events as well as information to share with the district staff during PD opportunities.

## **School-based Clothing Closets**

We located all fall/winter coats, hats, and gloves and made them available at each building for students to “grab and go”. We are continuously, encouraging students to help organize the clothing closets as a way to receive community service hours. The BHS clothing closet looks amazing! Thank you, BHS!

We are also requesting more winter clothing as some students are still arriving to school without proper winter clothing. We will add our flier below regarding our “Fill the Bus” event to increase our winter clothing inventory. Please share!

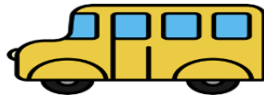
## LET’S FILL THE BUS!!!



*The Browning Public Schools- Parent Community Outreach Program & Transportation Department are collaborating to collect donations for our STUDENTS!!!*

**What:** Winter hats, gloves, coats, snow boots, snow pants and any other items you may have for our amazing BPS Students.

**Where can you bring your donation?**



**Look for the Bus parked on the west end of IGA, 209 W Central Ave.**

**When?**

**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**&**

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**8 :00 AM-5:00 PM**

You can also contact us here at the Parent Community Outreach Program with any questions or concerns by calling: (406)338-5025 or (406)573-1498.

Thank You!



### **School-based Food Pantry**

We offered other food choices, in addition to the regular food pantry items such as hamburger, bread, milk, bagels, and cream cheese. Students are still taking the individual snack items rather than items they are able to make a meal with, at home.

We are also available to make some food deliveries for those students who are not comfortable taking food from the pantry.

# BPS YHDP

## *#8 unaccompanied homeless youth*

I would like to welcome, Monty Lucke who is now our YHDP Case Manager. Monty is receiving training not only in regards to the YHDP Case Manager position but also the McKinney Vento, Hi-Set, Kinship programs, and how we all provide supportive services. He is learning the laws and safeguards to best understand each qualifying factors as well as how to best support and advocate for the students.

Many of our YHDP students are also employed which is awesome to witness their drive and determination. We have had a decrease in registered UHY because of their housing status, (some are now not considered homeless and/or unaccompanied because they are now living with a legal guardian. Others have decided not to participate in the program because they aren't willing to enroll into an educational program, and that is their choice. We will still offer to assist them in enrolling when they are ready. Those who are still participants are somewhat excited about adding a new support person to their list. Monty will be working more closely with the students as well as being a part of the monthly training opportunities offered by the YHDP grant-technical assistance providers.

## **Outreach Activity-**

In October, we were able to deliver 17 costumes to students for Halloween. For November, we were able to offer 40 Thanksgiving Meals to some of our McKinney Vento Families, YHDP students, and Grand Parents Raising Grandkids/Kinship Families. Below is a photo of the food each family received.



For December:

We will be offering the Christmas Holiday meal and “Adopt a student/family” event, again. We hope to collaborate with the Senior Toy Drive. Individuals will be able to adopt as many students as they wish and we will deliver the gift, anonymously. Please watch for an update on this event after the Thanksgiving holiday.