

PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

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The Parent Community Outreach Program had a very exciting and productive kick-off to the 2019-2020 academic year.

CHILD CARE

The child care is fully staffed once again! We are very excited to welcome 1 bringing a wealth of experience to both the infant and toddler rooms.

We currently have 7 infants enrolled with the 8th slot reserved for a teen parent. Of the 7, three are children of teen parents and four are staff members' children. There is a bit of turnover in enrollment. We currently have three full time children enrolling; all of BPS staff. We are in the process of establishing a wrap-around childcare after school for children up to the age of 5 years.

Both classrooms are fully furnished with lots of new toys, materials and furniture thanks to the generous support of the Blackfeet ManPower. Our "big room" is also developing into an environment supporting gross motor development and social emotional learning opportunities.

We have started the long process of license renewal so the staff are very busy completing required trainings online. We are rotating staff through the training to balance supervision of children and staff training time.

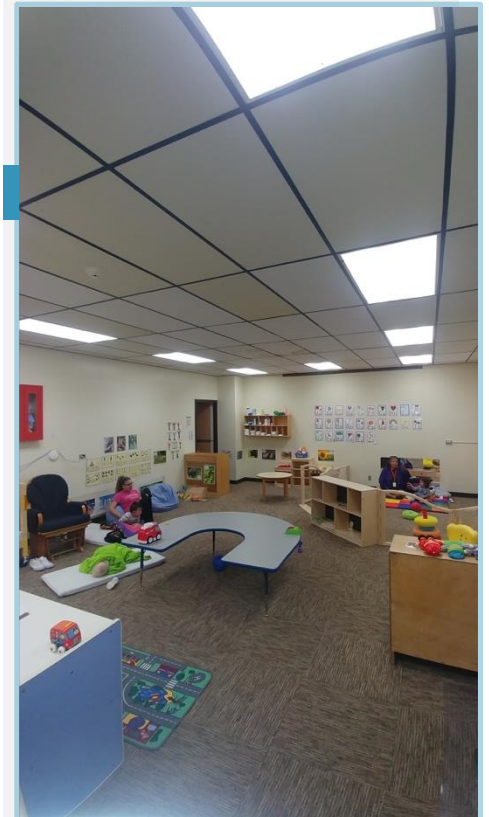


UPCOMING EVENTS

FAST Blackfeet Food Pantry opens at Medicine Bear Shelter

September 23, 2019

CHILDCARE HAS OPENINGS FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS!



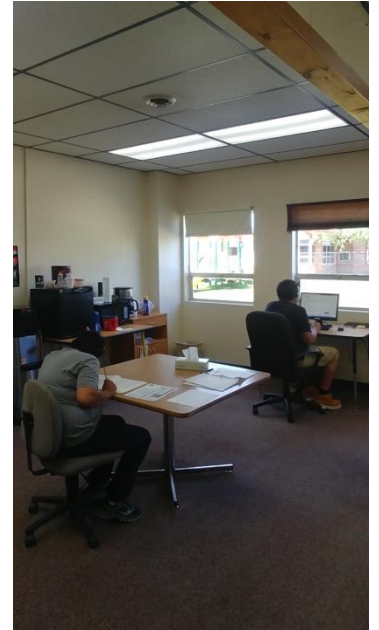
TEEN PARENT PROGRAM

We are currently actively working with 7 teen parents. We are doing outreach to an additional 16 teen parents. Once we make contact with the other 16, we will be able to provide supportive services to assist them with attending school.

HI-SET

The Hi-Set program has had 5 students return this Fall and four new students have enrolled. We are also starting to receive new referrals from both the high school and the Academy. Students being referred are generally severely credit deficient in respect to their age (ie. 17 years old with one credit).

We are excited to share that, over the summer, we had two students complete the program. One student successfully passed his Hi-Set example and the other student was awarded an Honorary High School diploma.



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The FIT program started the school year at a full sprint. Our program hosted the first ever “Back to School Store,” which was a huge success! We were able to provide school supplies to every student in need in grades PreK-6th, as well as several students in BMS, BHS and the Academy. Special thanks to Crystal Tailfeathers and Rose Racine for tirelessly shopping, and to Jeri Matt for funding the project. Special thanks also to JoRae Rattler and Jeri Gobert for making sure the store ran smoothly so the kids could enjoy themselves. The feedback we received from teachers, paras, students and families was all positive and reflected an abundance of gratitude.

Clothing Closets~ Our new shipment of donations will be delivered by the end of the month. JoRae has already been bringing students and parents to the BES clothes closet to “shop” for school clothes. We are also starting to receive requests for shoes. I recently submitted a mini-grant request specifically to purchase shoes for students in need.

Food Pantries~ The pallets of food that were ordered at the beginning of the school year have finally been shipped. The pantries are extremely depleted at this point. I will be finding a new vendor for discounted food due to the fact that my current vendor is extremely slow in shipping. FAST Blackfeet's community pantry will be opening on September 23rd at 3-6 PM at the Medicine Bear Shelter. We have referred at least 5 families to the new pantry.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We had our first district wide attendance committee on September 17, 2019. Each building was represented, as well as staff members from Blackfeet Tribal court. During this meeting, the committee reviewed our process for completing court referrals for truancy. At the next meeting, we will look specifically at what each building does for attendance support prior to completing a court referral. The ultimate goal of the Attendance Committee is to improve our attendance district-wide.