



EARLY CHILDHOOD
LEARNING CENTER



HI-SET



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PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

BPS Early Childhood Learning Center

The staff at the ECLC finished their year with fun-filled activities. The children enjoyed painting, playing with their new indoor toys, and getting outside to soak in some sun.

We ended the year with the following roster:

- Teen parents (#0)
- Staff (#5)
- Open (#2 infant spots; #5 toddler spots)



Our young artists!

Our tentative fall roster is quickly filling up due to the parents who decided to wait to enroll their children. We are also anticipating quite a few teen parents to submit applications for enrollment. Our new applications will be available in early August. We are hoping to be able to return to our usual enrollment of #22 children (#8 infants and #14 toddlers).

Teen Parent Resource Center

In June, we continued to share resources with teen parents as requested. We still have a fully stocked baby clothes closet and diaper pantry for the teens' use.

Through our partnership with the Blackfeet Pregnant and Parenting Teen Coalition, our YHDP case manager, Irene Augare, has been able to identify teen parents who also meet criteria as Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. These individuals are receiving intensive case management to meet their various needs complicated by their homeless status. These students will receive priority enrollment for childcare in Fall 2021.

HI-SET & Adult Basic Education

Hi-SET is closed for the summer and will start up again following the BPS academic calendar. There are several students who opted to study independently online over the summer and were allowed to keep their BPS-issued iPads.

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McKinney Vento Data update:
We have identified #242 students as
experiencing homelessness for the
2020-2021 academic year.

*Everyone is
excited for the
sunshine!*



We are loving our double stroller!

School-based Clothing Closets

We are so excited to share that our volunteer, Sue Cox, has been able to completely organize our clothing closet based out of BES. She put together about 20 bags of summer clothes and other adult clothing that we have been able to share with our students being raised by Grandparents. Sue will also be assisting at the BHS clothing closet so that they can get re-organized for Back to School.

School-based Food Pantry

We continue to have a fully stocked food pantry based out of the PCOP building. We have been able to create 40+ food boxes to share with our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. We are currently seeking additional funding to sustain all 5 school-based pantries in during the 2021-2022 academic year.



Foster Care Liaison

This component of the PCOP program has been put on the sideline again as we have spent this month focusing on identifying our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

We hosted a huge, drive-by-style giveaway to honor our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) this month. We started with a list of #50, shared the event on Facebook, and through word-of-mouth have identified an additional #15 grandparents. We will continue to do outreach to discover ways of supporting our families in the upcoming academic year.

In visiting with our GRG they seem so relieved and thankful to know that they are not alone, that there are so many other GRG, and that we have programs to support them.



BPS YHDP

Report submitted by Irene Augare (*who, by the way, is amazing!*)

We are serving a total of 22 youth or young adults through the YHDP. Some of these students have graduated and are preparing to transition to college out of State and some are applying to go to BCC. Two are looking at options such as Job Corp or the Montana Youth Challenge.

Kristy Calf Robe with Planned Parenthood will be offering a “Healthy Relationships” Training this week and we hope to help these youth and young adults apply their skills in the next activities and opportunities. We will be holding sewing and beading classes most Tuesdays through August. Some of our students are interested in attending Ceremonies this summer and we would like for the products from the sewing and beading classes to help support their interest in attending ceremonies.

We also have various hikes planned to allow these same youth and young adults the opportunity to connect to the land in individual ways and hopefully gain a sense of belonging and respect for the environment, themselves, and others. They will practice self-care and grounding activities.