



YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT

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Kinship-
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"WE HELP EACH OTHER"

Parent Community Outreach Program

HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education ~

As previously stated, we are referring students to receive their Hi-Set Prep from the BCC Hi-Set Program. Their information is located below:

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HISET powered by

HISET PREP & TESTING
SPRING 2025

PREP CLASS
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
4:30PM-6:30PM

LOCATED IN THE BEAVER
PAINTED LODGE RM 138

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6TH 2025 THRU MAY 16TH 2025

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TESTING DATES & TIMES
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 4-7PM
WEDNESDAYS: 4-6PM

LOCATED IN BPL RM 136

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*YOU MUST REGISTER 24 HOURS PRIOR TO TESTING.
CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATE CHANGES & AVAILABILITY*

REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.HISET.ORG WWW.BFCC.EDU

406.338.5441

Grandparents Raising Grandkids/Kinship (a program within āissĪoŌmmŌŌtsiiyŌ•Ī) Kinship Program & Aging Mastery Program-

Our partnership and through our referral process with the Montana Kinship Navigator, Payton Vining, we’ve been able to connect 9 of our Kinship families to resources which are not available here locally. Some have found support with vehicle repairs, food resources, respite care, childcare during medical appointments, and assistance with filling out applications. For this month, the MT Kinship Program will be offering Respite Retreat

When weather improves in the area, some of the Grandparents Raising Grandkids would like to have monthly support meetings where we share information and resources in the community. Some have also requested assistance with beading their Senior’s Graduation Caps. So, we will look into locating

We identified #179 students experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2024/2025 SY.

McKinney Vento (MV): This month I have been checking in with students and families who are on our “dropped list” to identify if they qualify for MV support or if any of our other supportive services can assist their students with improving their attendance. Many of our students who are pursuing sports are requesting support with athletic shoes and clothing, which is exciting to see them participating in sports. We have been busy aligning supports for families who are requesting bedding, beds, and household items. We’re collaborating with other programs to intervene before families are referred to Family court or CPS.

Foster Care (13): We are in the process of working with C&FS to grasp a better understanding for the amount of students who are a part or considered a “Foster Care” student in our district. We received the following resource which will also assist us to connect our local foster care students to these supports:

The flyer features the Reach Higher Montana logo at the top right. Below it, the text reads "Foster Youth Programs and Resources". A central photograph shows two young people, a boy and a girl, working together on a project involving a large clear sphere. Below the photo, the text states: "Youth in foster care are amazing people and we love supporting them on their path to life after high school. We offer guidance and funding to help these students achieve their goals." To the right of this text is a circular callout that says "Check out our programs and resources for foster youth on the back." At the bottom left, under the heading "For more information:", there is contact information for Christy Hendricks at (406) 403-6653 and chendricks@reachhighermontana.org, along with the website ReachHigherMontana.org and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the flyer.

Foster families and kiddos: The Foster Care Education and Training Voucher (EVT) to help foster youth pay for Post Secondary Education including 4 year, 2year, certificates, trade school, cosmetology, etc. Must be at least 6 months of schooling. <https://reachhighermontana.org/resources/youth-in-foster-care#paying-for-school>

Teen Parents (4):

We have the baby pantry stocked with diapers, wipes, clothing, shoes, wraps, and hygiene items. We are still meeting monthly with the Blackfeet Man Power Pregnant/Parenting Teen Program. Our collaboration focus is to ensure these teens have immediate access to transportation, education, healthcare, and other important resources in the community to help them be successful. I am very grateful to the BMPPTP for their assistance with providing transportation and exceptional case management for our teens who are parenting and/or pregnant.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)~ Submitted by Tamara Guardipee.

The YHDP program is providing supportive services to seven students in the Browning School District. These are students that are unaccompanied youth who do not reside with their legal guardian. Participating in the program includes attending school/classes and weekly student check-in.

A barrier that I am running into is students working and their working hours are during the time they should be in school. The only way to stay in communication with my students is our weekly school visits.

On the positive side, we have our students making goals every week that are reachable. Making small goals which over time turns into bigger goals. The main goal we strive to achieve is their attendance. Starting out being present 1 full day to being in school 3 out of 5 days a week. I am seeing that once students see they are completing goals small or big, it gives them the confidence to keep going.

This month February 19,2025, YHDP will be having their first support group located at PCOP office. Different informational topics will be discussed. This first group meeting will be to get to know your peers and know that they are not alone.

Current Positions available within the Parent Community Outreach Program:

- Hi-Set Tutor/Kinship Navigator