



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT

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"WE HELP EACH OTHER"

Parent Community Outreach Program

Please let me introduce you to our new employee, Kristy Augare!



Kristy is our FIT System Navigator and will be assisting the Parent Community Outreach Program with many tasks, specifically outreach. Kristy has already displayed great self-motivation, organizational skills, and identified many resources that our families and students will benefit from. She has created direct access and space for our students and families to engage and learn more about our Blackfeet Culture and is eager to establish those connections! We are very grateful to have her here as part of our team!!!

HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education/Kinship~

Hi-SET

Katie is still attempting to contact with previous students who did not complete the HiSet Program or their HiSet Test. Her re-engagement efforts have brought back additional students. Bringing her total HiSet count to (8) current HiSet clients.

Katie is preparing students for the summer closure and providing them with packets, so they may continue their HI Set prep.

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

Katie is preparing gift bags for some of our kinship families just to show that we appreciate them for their support with caring for their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and siblings. We know the barriers they’ve had to overcome just to get them to school and we want to show them that we see their efforts and are grateful for their caring hearts.

We plan to continue our outreach efforts for our kinship families at least once a month (if we do not hear from them first) just to maintain engagement and provide any new information or resources we may identify.

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McKinney Vento Data update 2023-2024: 217

We identified #224 students experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2022-2023.

McKinney Vento (MV)

Tamara Guardipee has been showing our new Co-Worker, Kristy, her process for 1.) Checking in w/students at each building; 2.) Providing support; 3.) and how to identify families who may be eligible for services/support. Kristy and Tamara have really organized our spaces better and are making sure they are inviting, safe, and appropriate.

With our school year coming to an end, Tam and Kristy will be connecting these families to summer school opportunities as well as providing information on where in the community they may receive regular access to food and resources.

Our main goals with our McKinney Vento students are to ensure they each have access to transportation to school and they have their basic needs met to be able to focus while at school.

2024 Graduates: We had a total of 9 youth experiencing homelessness (McKinney Vento), graduate from BHS!!!!

Foster Care:

This SY, we’ve identified over 28 students who are currently transitioning through or who have been a part of the Foster Care System. Many of which are not receiving support

through the state foster care system. The types of supports that are usually requested are all related to financial support.

2024 Graduates: We had 4 Students, who are also in Foster Care, graduate from BHS!!!!

A Resource for children in foster care or transitioning out of foster care:

Kairos Youth Services
(406)727-0076

Montana Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Region 2

- Dan McFadyean, Rural and Tribal Coordinator

Teen Parents:

Currently, we've identified 12 Pregnant/Parenting Teen Parents and are continuing to meet with our partners at the Blackfeet Man Power, Teen Parent program. The Man Power Program has added a new member to their team which has greatly helped both of our programs to be able to provide immediate support to our teen parents.

We have the baby pantry stocked with diapers, wipes, clothing, shoes, wraps, and hygiene items. We have a few transitioning into the HiSet program as their personal needs and responsibilities have changed within their little families. I am very proud of our Teen Parents as they've been working tirelessly to complete their schooling as well as some, are also holding down steady jobs.

2024 Graduates: We had a total of (2) teen parents, graduate from BHS!!!!

School-based Clothing Closets

Our clothing closets are being organized and sorted through. We plan to have a "clothing swap" event in June and also in August before school starts.

BPS YHDP

Currently, 11 enrolled UHY.

28 UHY have been identified this 23/24 SY. Six of those students have declined support.

We are currently without a YHDP Case Manager and will not be able to advertise for this position as it is grant funded. This year's grant ended on April 29th so between Tamara, Kristy, and I, we are continuing to provide support to our YHDP students. This has been a very difficult task as these students rely heavily on our support and we have limited staff

available. We are now focusing on higher educational opportunities with our recent graduates and are connecting them to support staff at BCC.

2024 Graduates: We had a total of 9 Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness, graduate from BHS!!!!

UPCOMING Outreach Events for MAY:

- Cultural Opportunities: We are awaiting information for a possible evening event at Buffalo Lake where students and families are invited to learn history and knowledge around Inniskums. We will be organizing transportation for the families without, who wish to attend.
- Clothing Swap: (Weather Permitting) we will have a clothing swap with the community. Every Tuesday's in our office (Time to be determined based on staff availability).

Current Positions available within the Parent Community Outreach Program:

- YHDP Case Manager

Thank you for reading our board report & Happy Spring!