

Parent Community Outreach/Childcare~ Nikki Hannon
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August was a highly productive time within the Parent Community Outreach Program (PCOP). Here are a few highlights within each component of PCOP.

- **Child Care**~ Childcare is off to an amazing start. We have some wonderful child care aides who truly love children. We have all received our infant/adult cpr and first aid/AED certification and will be taking numerous other trainings to continue to grow as professional childcare providers. We currently have (4) infants of staff members, and (3) infants of teen parents enrolled in the infant room. We anticipate (3) more teen parents to enroll their infants within the next several weeks. Our infant room will be fully enrolled at that time with a waitlist of (6) infants of staff members. Our toddler room currently has (4) toddlers of staff members enrolled. We are awaiting applications for the remaining (6) slots. So far, inquiries have only been from BPS staff for the toddler room.
- **Hi-Set**~ Hi-Set has also had an amazing kick off to the new school year. So far, we have had #2 returning students and an additional #5 new students in the first week. Unfortunately, BCC is no longer providing a testing site for the Hi-Set test so we may need to look at transporting our students to Great Falls to test. Our other option may be to offer a CSA to a qualified Hi-Set tester.
- **Teen Parent Program**~ We are currently working on identifying teen parents within the school district. So far, we are aware of #12 teen parents and have provided some level of supportive services (ie. anything from school supplies to child care) to #6 of them. The majority of new teen moms have shared that they would like to continue to breastfeed their children when they return to school. In support of our staff and teen parents who choose to breastfeed and return to work or school, we have established a breastfeeding room at the PCOP building.



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- **Families In Transition**~ We have just begun to identify students who meet the criteria of “homeless” as per the McKinney Vento definition. This effort is year long and we will share out our enrollment numbers as they become available. In the meantime, we have launched the BPS Adopt-A-Student project which currently has #170 students referred as “in need” of back to school supplies and clothing. These students are not all considered “homeless” as the referrals began in response to the attendance “hot lists.” We have sought out sponsors from BPS staff via the district email distribution, as well as seeking community sponsors via Facebook. The response has been amazing. We currently have #76 sponsors (some of whom adopted multiple students) and donations continue to roll in for our referred students. We will continue to accept referrals and sponsors through November in preparation for our Christmas drive.
 - Our weekend backpack program will officially kick off within the next couple of weeks. Our first major delivery from MFBN will be September 13. We are also in the process of getting an inventory of the Food Pantries so we can place orders and get them re-stocked.
 - The FIT clothing closet has also received numerous donation since school started. We have invited the Global Volunteers to assist in sorting these clothes out by size. We can then get them re-distributed to the appropriate schools.

- **Early Warning System**~ Administrators received extremely valuable professional development on the Early Warning System (EWS) courtesy of OPI. Going forward, support of the EWS will be conducted by central administration’s data clerk. This is a welcome change as the EWS aligns quite well with our other district efforts to make the most gains using data.

The mission of the Parent Community Outreach Program is to serve as a resource to the school district and our community in a collaborative effort to keep our students in school until graduation.

We invite you to stop by the annex for a cup of coffee and conversation.