

Duluth Head Start

Services to Families Experiencing Homelessness

- Duluth Head Start serves children and families experiencing homelessness in all program options.
 - In 2010-2011 we served **149** children
 - In 2011-2012 we served **141** children (**67** in FIT)
 - To date in 2012-2013 we have served **69** children

- State grant funds a program option, Families in Transition, (FIT) for children and families who are referred from area shelters.
(funded for 18 children/families for 2012-13)

- Head Start, with our comprehensive services, is in a unique position to work with families experiencing homelessness. Whether a child is in FIT or a preschool classroom, we work to keep the needs of the child in the forefront by engaging the family in a number of ways.

- You can help by:
 1. Helping children stay at the school they are in after they get permanent housing
 2. Helping educate, train and expect all staff to be welcoming and supportive to students and families who are experiencing homelessness