

PCOP



**YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT**

HI-SET

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Parent Community Outreach Program

HI-SET & Adult Basic Education~

HiSET

Jerelyn Gobert is our returning HiSet/ABE Tutor. We currently have 3 returning students from last year and 3 new students who will be enrolling soon. Tutoring services will continue to be offered in-house as well as virtual. We are able to eliminate transportation, childcare, and schedule barriers by offering our tutoring services virtually.

Our plan to increase our outreach efforts is to post location, contact, and information specific to our HiSet program throughout the community and on social media platforms. Jeri will be meeting with Joseph Rutherford at BCC to discuss test dates for this year and coordinate access services for our students specifically.

Any questions, you can reach Jeri by email at jerelyng@bps.k12.mt.us or by phone, (406)338-5025

Grandparents Raising Grandkids/Kinship (a program within āiss□oōmmoōtsiiyō•□)

We wrapped up academic year 2021-2022 with identifying a total of:

- 203 Kinship Families
- 531 Kinship Children

We included our residency questionnaire in the student registration packets which helps identify families and students who qualify for our services. We will be working to update our GRG/Kinship list when we receive the questionnaires back from each school building.

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McKinney Vento Data update:

We identified #326 students as experiencing homelessness for academic year 2021-2022.

School-based Clothing Closets

Through donations received for the school-based clothing closets, the PCOP staff are working extremely hard to fulfill requests (i.e., Work orders) for clothing items (ie. Shirts, pants, socks/underwear). We are coordinating possibly organization solutions with each building to maintain the clothing closets. As of now, the only schools with clothing closets are K.W. Bergan, Browning Elementary, and BHS.

School-based Food Pantry

This academic year, PCOP staff will continue to work with each school building to continue providing food boxes to families, and food bags (weekend) for students unaccompanied and experiencing homelessness. We will also be providing the holiday meals.

BPS YHDP

#22 unaccompanied homeless youth

12 UHY Graduated last year from BHS/WBHA!

The total number above has decreased almost more than half due to students:

1. Locating permanent housing out of district (not in Browning);
2. Reunited with family/Guardians;
3. Caregivers were granted custody of students;
4. Students exited the program because of no contact/ or student refused services.

Our goal this year for the YHDP is to continue working towards the goals of the YHDP/UHY (which are listed below) by providing supportive services to students and young adults in order to eliminate barriers and create access. YHDP Goals are: 1.) Permanent Connections; 2.) Housing Stability; 3.) Employment/Education; 4.) Cultural Connection. We are currently in the planning stages with our cultural consultants and community organizations to offer monthly activities throughout the school year.

Foster Care

PCOP staff will be requesting a meeting with the Blackfeet Family Services for September. We are currently still, in the process of drafting an MOU for both the Tribe and BPS to review in relation to serving students in Foster Care.