



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS  
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PROJECT

HI-SET

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"WE HELP EACH OTHER"

# Parent Community Outreach Program

## HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education/Kinship~

### Hi-SET

Our Hi-Set students are equipped with resources and learning modules for the summer. Our goal upon returning is to recruit a total of 10 students and have all 10 ready to complete their Hi-Set test by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

### Grandparents Raising Grandkids/Kinship (a program within äissŦoömmoötsiiyöŦ) Kinship Program & Aging Mastery Program-

We're making sure our GRG/Kinship families are aware of summer opportunities such as summer school, meal times and locations, as well as, community events. We've identified a total of 272 kinship families raising 596 students this school year.

*We identified #224 students experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2023/2024*

### McKinney Vento (MV)

Many of our McKinney Vento Families have received summer clothing and resources for food. We've made sure they're connected to either SNAP, Commodity Office, and/or registered with Fast Blackfeet. Many of our older students were connected to either employment opportunities or summer school. In August, we will be reconnecting and partaking in summer outreach opportunities so that we are able to identify families who meet the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness.

**Foster Care:**

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.

Through our engagement with other service providers in our community, we've identified many barriers that other programs are experiencing as well to provide the necessary support for these kiddos and their families. We will continue to make the appropriate attempts to build partnerships with other service providers in our community to improve our collaboration efforts.

**Teen Parents:**

We've met with our partners at the Blackfeet Man Power, Teen Parent program to ensure our parenting/pregnant teens have continued supports throughout the summer. 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 also made contact with a resource to provide car seats for our teen parents and the program, through the state, will be assisting the staff at the Manpower Program with

**School-based Clothing Closets**

Our clothing closets are being organized and sorted through. We plan to have more students involved this next school year to help keep them organized and would like to have more community volunteers as well. Our clothing closets are filled with gently used items and we greatly appreciate everyone who's donated items to support this service.

**BPS YHDP**

Currently, we will maintain 4 enrolled unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) and 7 have been exited from the YHDP program because they've either located stable housing or have received their high school diploma.

29 UHY have been identified this 23/24 SY. Six of those students have declined support. It has been extremely difficult to provide support to these students due to their overwhelming situations and also because we have not been able to identify qualified Case Managers to provide the necessary support.

We have received good news though! BPS was awarded the YHDP grant once again and will be able to implement for the 24/25 School Year!

***For the 23/24 SY, the Parent Community Outreach Program has provided the following services to over #748 students (not including the supports each school building provided through the clothing closets/hygiene/food pantries:***

- ***School Supplies***
- ***Shoes***
- ***Clothing***
- ***Beds***
- ***Bedding***
- ***Towels***
- ***Hygiene***
- ***Winter gear***
- ***Food Boxes***
- ***Transportation***
- ***Laundry Support***
- ***Dishes***
- ***Referrals for other supports***
- ***Application Assistance***
- ***Scholarship/Financial Aid information***
- ***Graduation Attire***
- ***Beading Supplies***
- ***Weekend Back Pack Meals***
- ***Holiday Dinners***
- ***Christmas (Secret Santa)***
- ***Prom Support***

***We would not be able to do so without the help of our Staff, Partners, and the donation received from our community! Thank you to everyone!***

***\*We've sent our personal thank you cards to each person.***

## **Current Positions available within the Parent Community Outreach Program:**

- YHDP Case Manager
- Hi-Set Tutor/Kinship Navigator
- 5 Youth Positions

Thank you for reading our board report & I hope you all have a great summer!