



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT

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Parent Community Outreach Program

HI-SET/ Adult Basic Education/Kinship~

Hi-SET

Jill has been busy preparing outreach material and setting up “welcome back” appointments for the previous students to assess their learning goals as well as identify any barriers they may have. We will be reviewing the drop lists from last year and identifying students who have not returned back to BPS or who haven’t graduated and attempt to recruit them for the Hi-Set Program (with the permission from the BHS/WBHA Principles).

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

I’m currently in the process of contacting our families in the kinship program and informing them about the new online registration and explaining the process to them. Many have reported not having access to a computer and/or not being able to see their phones. So, I’ve invited them into our office to receive assistance with this process. Some have had success while others ran into some issues such as, the website/page freezing and not allowing the person to move forward to the next question and/or returning to the previous page. Some have made it through the entire application and check to see if the information shows within infinite campus and it does not. Because of these technical difficulties, some families have had to complete the paper packet regardless and aren’t very happy about having to do so.

We ended this past school year with 274 kinship families with a total of 607 students who received support from the PCOP.

Sadly, many of these kin are raising their nieces, nephews, or grandchildren due to the placements/removals by CPS. Most are also occurring because of their parents/legal guardians drug/alcohol abuse. Grandparents are requesting support with completing the petition forms for custody.

We will continue to encourage our GRG/Kinship families to register their students online (or in person utilizing the paper packet) and will continue to connect and check back with them until all are registered and attending school.

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McKinney Vento Data update:

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

McKinney Vento

To end the school year, we had documented 224 students in the district receiving opportunities and supportive services. 13 of those students graduated from Browning High School.

This year we are experiencing a delay in receiving the information for those who self-identified on the online registration as experiencing homelessness.

Foster Care:

I'm currently awaiting a meeting confirmation with the Director of Child & Family Services to discuss a strategy for implementing the Foster Care Educational Stability below. For the last 3 years, we have not been able to establish a continuous collaboration team due to staff turn-over rate, within their program. This has required me, as the BPS Foster Care contact, to repeatedly visit their offices to inquire on the status of Foster Care students and discuss how we can assist with either supportive services or at least identification within the school district.

I am required by OPI to identify and support Foster Care Students just as I am required to do so for all other of our students who are experiencing hardships, educational disruptions as well as homelessness. The lack of collaboration and communication from our local CPS/Tribal Agencies has become a barrier for me to provide the proper supports for these students and I would like to work towards improving my situation (mostly the students') by re-establishing an understanding of what we do and a working relationship.

(See Attachment)

Teen Parents:

Currently, we've identified 6 Pregnant/Parenting Teen Parents and are continuing to meet with the Blackfeet Man Power Teen Parent Coalition as well as receive/request referrals from I.H.S

School-based Clothing Closets

Through donations (and support from the MV and YHDP grants) received for the school-based clothing closets, the PCOP staff were able to fulfill #295 requests, last school year! Most of these requests (i.e., Fit Needs Requests) were for clothing items (i.e., Shirts, Pants, underwear, socks, coats, hats/gloves, Halloween costumes, laundry services, etc.) We also provided shoes to #187 students. These totals do not include the daily requests and needs filled on-site at the specific buildings. We are still receiving donations including household items and furniture. But we are lacking the support staff to get these items distributed.

School-based Food Pantry

We will be collaborating to order food with the O'yop Food Pantry as well as Kaitlyn Sharp, SNAP-Ed Instructor with the MSU Extension office. Our goal is to incorporate student input/request to aide in what types of nutritional foods they'd like to have available in the food pantries. Kaitlyn will be assessing the food pantries and providing feedback regarding

BPS YHDP

#23 unaccompanied homeless youth have been provided support during the 22/23 SY. Currently, 9 enrolled UHY.

Out Reach Event for September:

- Clothing Drive

Current Positions available within the Parent Community Outreach Program:

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project(YHDP)- Case Manager
- Families in transition (fit) Navigator
- Hi-Set Tutor

In the attachments, I'll be sharing some valuable information and updates from OPI.