



YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT

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“WE HELP EACH OTHER”

~PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM~

We identified #181 students experiencing homelessness for the current academic year 2025/2026 SY. (Based on the MV definition of homelessness)

McKinney Vento (MV):

McKinney-Vento Student Support and Housing Stability Update

Since December 19, 2025, eight McKinney-Vento (MV) families, representing 14 students, have relocated outside of our community due to the inability to secure safe, stable, and affordable housing locally. This trend highlights persistent systemic barriers, including limited housing inventory, economic hardship, and restricted access to sustainable employment opportunities. These factors continue to directly impact student mobility and educational continuity.

Student transiency remains one of the most significant predictors of academic disruption. While the PCOP’s priority is to minimize educational interruptions and maintain school stability for students experiencing homelessness, housing instability frequently leaves families with relocation as their only viable option.

Despite these external barriers, school-based equity initiatives and targeted MV supports are demonstrating measurable impact. McKinney-Vento students continue to actively participate in academic programming and extracurricular activities, including athletics, indicating strong school engagement and inclusive access to opportunities.

Additionally, in January alone:

- 25+ students and family members accessed school-based mental health services and grief counseling.
- Families reported increased access to confidential, on-site support systems.

- MV students/families were connected to supplemental community-based resources with minimal delay.

Mental health service engagement rates not only highlight the disproportionate social-emotional burden carried by students experiencing homelessness, but also provide evidence that integrated, school-based delivery models are effectively expanding access, increasing participation, and reducing systemic barriers to care.

Overall, while housing instability remains a critical community challenge contributing to student mobility, current school-based interventions are effectively promoting equity, stability, and student engagement for those served.

Moving forward, I'd like to re-visit the BlackFeet Tribal Housing Services and support to identify possible collaboration efforts to assist our families (with children) locate housing, at a more efficient rate.

We've identified #11 students who are unaccompanied and experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2025/2026 SY. #8 are currently enrolled in the YHDP

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)

Submitted By: Tamara G.

YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program):

-Providing supportive services to unaccompanied youth/young adults who are experiencing homelessness and/or at risk of homelessness. Serving individuals who are 24 years and younger.

*Unaccompanied youth: Youth who are not in the physical care or custody of their legal guardian.

YHDP 4 main goals:

1. Identify stable permanent housing;
2. Ensure students have permanent connections measured by the number of YYA connected to positive social networks;
3. Connect students to Education /Employment opportunities measured by the number YYA connected to employment /educational pathways;
4. Social-emotional well-being measured by the number of YYA connected with cultural, social, and emotional growth opportunities.

These goals are obtained by working closely in partnership with the youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, their families of choice, hosts, and various community organizations and partners.

I have 8 YHDP students who are enrolled in an educational program or employment. Making contact with these individuals via phone, email, and home visits. Some of the YHDP attended the resume making support group that we had here at BHA Academy. THE YHDP students left this support group learning life skills and having job employment opportunities.

Struggles:

- A major barrier is still the lack of communication of hearing any updates or follow throughs from our community programs. Getting the information/help these students need.

Successes:

- Currently, 1 of our 8 YHDP students will be exited from the program as he's returned to live with his legal guardian, who just got their own home.
- The partnership with BPS wellness with Cinnamon Salway to get most of our YHDP students signed up with a Behavioral Health provider for support.
- Most YHDP students had a successful 2nd Quarter, passing all their classes. Our 2 Seniors are on a positive path to graduating this Spring.

Thank you,
Parent Community Outreach Program Staff