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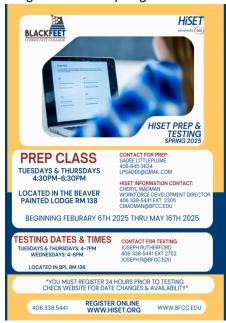
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### ~PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM~

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

As previously stated, we are referring students to receive their Hi-Set Prep from the BCC Hi-Set Program. Their Spring information is located below:



We have received over 13 inquiries within the last 60 days.

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

Through our partnership with the Montana Kinship Navigator Program and the MSU Extension Healthy Aging program, we collaborated to offer the CareGiver Respite Retreat to over 27 individuals. All participants received a \$100 gift card to help cover the costs of caregiving or for their own self-care. There were 6 of our Kinship families in attendance and we signed up 12 other participants who also identified themselves as caring for their kin.

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We had a total of 49 individuals request to participate in this event and we are working to reach out to each individual to confirm they're caregivers and also to refer them to resources, especially if they care for students who attend our district. Although we were unable to have all of them participate. The MSU Extension Healthy Aging and Kinship Programs will consider offering this amazing opportunity, again, in the fall.

MSU Extension Healthy Aging presents a



April 22nd 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Browning High School 105 Hwy 89, Browning Free event

Registration Required

Each caregiver will receive a \$100 Visa gift card to help cover costs of caregiving in your absence or for your own self-care.

Contact Irene Augare with Browning Public Schools- Parenting Community Outreach Program with questions and to register at: 406-249-7943 or call/text 406-338-5025





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We identified #188 students experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2024/2025 SY.

McKinney Vento (MV) & Foster Care (30): Following a very successful CPT meeting with the newly hired Child & Family Services, Director, Carla Torosian and staff. We were able to identify 17 more students, bringing our total to 30, who are in Foster Care placements. Previously, we were only able to identify 13 students. I'm hopeful that under the new direction of Carla, our partnership with the Blackfeet Child & Family Services will continue to improve and we can see more wrap-around care and support for our students and their families.

Foster families and kiddos: The Foster Care Education and Training Voucher (EVT) to help foster youth pay for Post Secondary Education including 4 year, 2year, certificates, trade school, cosmetology, etc. Must be at least 6 months of schooling. https://reachhighermontana.org/resources/youth-in-foster-care#paying-for-school

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There will be a Reach Higher Foster Youth Summit on June 16th-18th in Butte, Montana. Foster kids 16 yo.+ will have an opportunity to get hands-on experience in a college setting and be able to learn more about future education opportunities. They will also gain life skills and be able to tour many historical sites while in Butte.

#### Teen Parents (9):

We have the baby pantry stocked with diapers, wipes, clothing, shoes, wraps, and hygiene items. We have increased our meeting times with the Blackfeet ManPower Pregnant/Parenting Teen Program to bi-weekly. Our collaboration focus is to ensure these teens have immediate access to transportation, education, healthcare, and other important resources in the community to help them be successful. I am very grateful to the BMPPTP for their assistance with providing transportation and exceptional case management for our teens who are parenting and/or pregnant. It takes multiple attempts to build trusting relationships with these students who appreciate our non-judgemental approaches.

## Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)~ Submitted by Tamara Guardipee.

#### YHDP:

The YHDP is providing supportive services to 12 students in the Browning School District. Working with unaccompanied youth who do not reside with their legal guardians. Student participation in the program is attending school, weekly check-in, and attending support groups.

A barrier I am running into is students not attending school and not being able to contact them. Communication is a big factor in our program and is hard when they are moving place to place without contact information.

The YHDP program already had 2 support groups that were very informative. Support group #1 topic was SMART Goals. How to make goals that are reachable and making their own goals. Support group #2 topic was Healthy Friendships/Relationships. Learning about the characteristics of a healthy friendship and signs of an unhealthy friendship.

We currently have 5 YHDP students who are set to Graduate for BHS/WBHA this spring!!!

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