

Project REACH/Fostering Connections

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Care

Office of Title I Federal Programs

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Project REACH is a Saint Paul Public Schools shelter and street-based program that promotes school stability and academic success of homeless children and youth. Our program staff serve pre-K and school age children who are in temporary housing situations.

Fostering Connections is a Saint Paul Public Schools program that assists with the education stability of students placed in out-of-home care.

Students and families are eligible for Project REACH services if they live:

- In a shelter
- In a motel or hotel
- In a vehicle
- At a campground
- On the street
- With friends or family
- In an emergency shelter while awaiting foster care placement

Students are eligible for Fostering Connections services if they are:

- A youth who is in foster care

Students and families receive:

- Assistance with school enrollment and registration
- Donations of school supplies and school uniforms
- Referrals to community and county agencies that help with medical, legal, food, clothing and housing needs
- Assistance with early childhood registration and screenings
- Advocacy for special education services
- Evening academic support in several St. Paul shelters

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Project REACH

- 910 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 570 (62%) Students in grades Pre-K - 5
 - 356 (39%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1050 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 557 (61%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 199 (22%) Students live in shelters
- 660 (72%) Students identify as African American
- 852 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 101 (11%) Students are unaccompanied youth

Fostering Connections

- 101 Students in Foster Care
- 50 (50%) Students identify as African American
- 81 (80%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 60 (59%) are under grade 5

*7th Annual Blanket and Coat Drive
Nov. 14, 2016 -
Jan. 13, 2017
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