

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 are eligible for Fostering Connections services if they are:

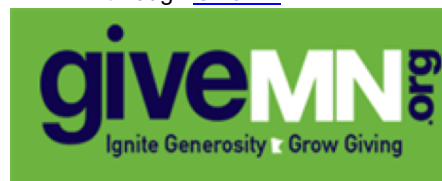
- A youth who is in foster care, please contact Cindy.McGowan@spps.org
- New regulations are in place as of December 10, 2016. Students that are in emergency foster care, no longer receive McKinney Vento services, but are ensured similar rights under Fostering Connections.
- Our students and families should not "see" a difference. There are agreements in place with Ramsey County to identify those students.
- If you know of a student in foster care, please refer them to fosteringconnectionsref.spps.org

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

- 1392 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 814 (58%) Students in grades Pre-K - 5
 - 538 (39%) Students in grades 6 - 12
- 1630 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 863 (62%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 296 (21%) Students live in shelters
- 991 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 1294 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 161 (12%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 292 tutoring sessions with 81 unique students

Fostering Connections

- 149 Students in foster care
- 75 (50%) Students identify as African American
- 115 (77%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 123 (83%) are under grade 5

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