

Project REACH/Fostering Connections

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Care

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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.

If a family is experiencing homelessness, they should call 211 to access shelter options in Ramsey County

- Coordinated Access to Housing and Shelter will assess the situation to help find the best housing options

There will soon be a Coordinated Entry system for youth - [stay tuned!](#)

*Once again, we had an amazing blanket and coat (and book) drive. We'd like to extend a special thank you to the Girl Scout troops, The Assistance League, Century College, Forest Lake Elementary, Hiway Federal Credit Union, the Met Council, many SPPS schools, the SPPS Elementary School Principals, FOCUS MN, and the numerous individual donors. Your contributions make a difference for our families!
THANK YOU!*

Contact Project REACH to find out more:

- Oxford Pool has Full Swim Lesson Scholarships provided for homeless kids studying at Saint Paul Public Schools
- Project REACH and Second Harvest have partnered to provide food to families through Food +You
- Mary's Place in Minneapolis is now transitional housing which may impact some of our families
- College Possible is recruiting current Sophomores and Juniors in high school who have experienced foster care.

Please remind parents to enroll their child in summer school.

- We want to make sure that any students experiencing homelessness get full access to all the academic opportunities

Stay connected!

- "Like" us on Facebook to receive updates and articles that relate to our work
- Check out our website homeless.spps.org for more information

Every Student Succeeds Act has changed some language around McKinney Vento, [stay tuned](#) for more information.

Project REACH

- 1696 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 746 (44%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 683 (40%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1994 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 1005(60%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 483 (28%) Students live in shelters
- 1177 (69%) Students identify as African American
- 1565 (92%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 235 (14%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 1072 hours of tutoring sessions at varied shelters

Fostering Connections

- 196 Students in Foster Care
- 112 (57%) Students identify as African American
- 171 (87%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 78 (40%) Students in grades 1-5



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