

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.

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

If there is a youth experiencing homelessness, they should call 651-444-5757

- Coordinated Entry for Youth and Singles will assess the situation to help find the best housing options

Changes to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) identifies students in emergency foster care as Foster Care instead of McKinney Vento

- Educational rights continue but some students may be transported by the county instead of SPSS
- Contact Cindy McGowan for more details

Contact Project REACH to find out more:

- Project REACH and Second Harvest have partnered to provide food to families through Food +You

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
- Students automatically qualify for summer school (including credit recovery) and after school EDL services

High School Counselors are seeking partial credit for students that are experiencing homelessness and are highly mobile

- Contact your high school counselor for more details

Stay connected!

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

Thank you to everyone who donated to our blanket and coat drive and the GiveMN drive for shelter. We are grateful for our amazing community of support

Project REACH

- 1667 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 704 (42%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 691 (42%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1667 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 1105 (66%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 304 (18%) Students live in shelters
- 1183 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 1559 (94%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 148 (8%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 604 Tutor sessions (1027 hours) completed with 120 students

Fostering Connections

- 306 Students in Foster Care
- 151 (49%) Students identify as African American
- 254 (83%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 103 (34%) Students in grades 1-5



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