

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
- Please contact Cindy.McGowan@spps.org or anne.mcinerney@spps.org for more information

It's that time again! 8th Annual Coat and Blanket Drive November 15 - January 15, 2018

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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- Donate to Project REACH through GiveMN

Project REACH

- 954 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 526 (55%) Students in grades Pre-K - 5
 - 392 (41%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1062 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 591 (61%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 154 (16%) Students live in shelters
- 698 (73%) Students identify as African American
- 896 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 68 (7%) Students are unaccompanied youth

Fostering Connections

- 175 Students in Foster Care
- 90 (51%) Students identify as African American
- 149 (85%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 109 (62%) are under grade 5



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