

# 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.

## Update on Schools as Shelter:

Project REACH set up a Give MN page for donations to help open an SPPS school to use as temporary shelter for our families that were displaced from motels during the Super Bowl. In 3 weeks, we raised over \$17000!

- Ramsey County was able to secure alternative sites for those families to stay during this time
- The donations will be used to provide transportation, blankets, and other needed items for these families
- REACH hopes to use any extra funds to continue to support those families that would otherwise be in their car, storage garage, or train

## Remember:

- Students experiencing homelessness automatically qualify for ALC Summer School and EDL After School services
- Project REACH has a food shelf available to families experiencing homelessness
- Ramsey County has Coordinated Entry for shelter, please have families call 211 for more information
- We continue to partner with the School Counselors to seek partial credit for our students

## Stay connected!

- "Like" us on Facebook
- Send your email to [anne.mcinemey@spps.org](mailto:anne.mcinemey@spps.org) to receive Quarterly Newsletters and other information about Project REACH/Fostering Connections
- Donate to Project REACH through GiveMN

## Project REACH

- 1400 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
  - 772 (55%) Students in grades Pre-K - 5
  - 573 (41%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1558 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 899 (64%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 263 (18%) Students live in shelters
- 1001 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 1311 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 116 (8%) Students are unaccompanied youth

## Fostering Connections

- 249 Students in Foster Care
- 124 (50%) Students identify as African American
- 208 (84%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 120 (48%) are under grade 5

*Thank you to the donors across the country who supported our families and youth*



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