

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

My Very Own Bed

- Despite all the good news, the reality still exists that there are literally thousands of Twin City children who will go to sleep tonight on the floor. This means that those children won't get the sleep they need to do their best in school and feel their best throughout the day.
- The other reality is that My Very Own Bed still needs your support, and there are a number of ways you can help:
- **-We need donations of new linens and pillows to make up Dream Kits for each child receiving a new bed.**

- **Volunteers are needed to help deliver beds and assemble Dream Kits.**
- **To donate:**
<http://www.myveryownbed.org/donate/>

Contact Project REACH to find out more:

- Project REACH and Second Harvest have partnered to provide food to families through Food +You
- 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 www.spps.org/projectreach for more information

Professional Development Opportunity CEUs available!

Ryan Berg is a local author who will speak about LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness and his experiences working in New York City. The strengths and realities of the population is brought to life with his personal stories. Join us April 20, 2017 at AGAPE High School 5pm - 7pm. [No House to Call My Home](#)

Students who are "awaiting foster care" continue to receive similar rights as MV students, call Cindy to find out more!
651-632-3791

Project REACH

- 1625 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 712 (44%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 553 (34%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1894 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 998 (61%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 331 (20%) Students live in shelters
- 1156 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 1519 (93%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 188 (12%) Students are unaccompanied youth

Fostering Connections

- 189 Students in Foster Care
- 89 (47%) Students identify as African American
- 140 (74%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 64 (34%) Students in grades 1-5



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