

Project REACH

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness

Office of Title I Federal Programs

First Quarter 2013-2014



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.

Students who are eligible for McKinney Vento services:

- Stay in the same school they attended before they became homeless, and receive transportation to that school
- Are eligible for the same programs and services that are provided to all SPPS students
- Automatically qualify for free school meals
- May enroll in any school without proof of resident status, immunizations, school records, guardianship or other documents

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 and families receive:

- On-site 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

Schools and community agencies receive:

- Professional development for staff and volunteers
- Help identifying resources and services that best support students
- Aggregate information about Saint Paul students who receive McKinney Vento services.

September 2- November 1, 2014

- 895 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 443 (49%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 321 (36%) Students in grades 6-12
- 994 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 573 (64%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 251 (28%) Students live in shelters
- 632 (71%) Students identify as African American
- 817 (91%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 87 (10%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 78 hours of tutoring sessions at varied shelters

5th Annual Coat and Blanket Drive

Donate any size NEW coats, blankets or linens to your school office or the Title I office
December 1, 2014- January 16, 2015



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