

Project REACH

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness

Office of Title I Federal Programs

Second 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

Project REACH would like to thank everyone who donated this year. The warm coats, blankets, hats and boots were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your donations

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As of January 17, 2014:

- 1233 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 581 (47%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 455 (37%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1452 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 703 (57%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 375 (30%) Students live in shelters
- 822 (67%) Students identify as African American
- 1108 (90%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 104 (8.4%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 371 sessions of tutoring services at provided at shelters

Project REACH collected 134 Blankets for the 4th Annual Blanket Drive. Thank you to the following schools, groups, and individuals:

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