Project REACH
Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness

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 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

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

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 3- November 1, 2013
- 845 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
  - 396 (47%) Students in grades 1-5
  - 313 (37%) Students in grades 6-12
- 1015 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 469 (55%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 275 (33%) Students live in shelters
- 680 (67%) Students identify as African American
- 914 (90%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 66 (6.5%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 60 sessions of tutoring services at varied shelters

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