

Project REACH

Realizing the Educational Achievement of Children Experiencing Homelessness

Office of Title I Federal Programs

End of Year 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

Annual Youth Connect was a success!

- Over 200 students attended the event
- Students received donated items for personal use
- Students received resources for youth experiencing homelessness

Project REACH in the summer

- Staff continue to be available in the summer months
- Please call us for assistance

Did you know?

- All Ramsey County families seeking shelter should call the NEW Coordinated Access to Housing and Shelter program at 651 215 2262
- Staff will conduct a pre screening and refer to shelter if appropriate

As of June 1, 2014:

- 1894 Students eligible for McKinney Vento services
 - 851 (45%) Students in grades 1-5
 - 720 (38%) Students in grades 6-12
- 2282 Students served by Project REACH staff
- 1080 (57%) Students "doubled up" with family or friends due to lack of housing
- 583 (31%) Students live in shelters
- 1259 (66%) Students identify as African American
- 1697 (90%) Students identify as African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Hispanic
- 231 (12%) Students are unaccompanied youth
- 765 sessions of tutoring services are provided at shelters

Superintendent Silva urged support to the Homes for All campaign and the \$100 Million Bonding bill passed! Thank you Supt. Silva for your support of more affordable housing in MN. See www.mhponline.org for details