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“WE HELP EACH OTHER”

***~PARENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM~***

*We identified #301 students experiencing homelessness for the current academic year 2025/2026 SY. (Based on the MV definition of homelessness)*

**McKinney Vento (MV):**

Rebecca and I completed the McKinney Vento Grant-needs assessment required by OPI as part of the McKinney-Vento (MV) Grant application process. We will hear back in June from OPI with an award update. The McKinney-Vento Grant provides our district and the Parent Community Outreach Program, the ability to continue providing critical support to students experiencing homelessness through outreach, referrals, and service coordination.

I was unable to attend the High-Tiered Community of Practice Spring Meeting as I had some scheduling conflicts and responsibilities that needed my attention in the district. Although unable to attend, I still was able to receive great resources from other McKinney Vento Liaisons who I work closely with. There will be another opportunity in the Fall. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to network with fellow McKinney-Vento liaisons and community professionals, locally and state-wide. Through these connections, I will continue to expand our available resources and learn effective strategies other communities are using to connect families with stable and appropriate housing options.

MV/Foster Care/ and our Unaccompanied Youth (YHDP)/Students are very much ready for Graduation and the count-down is on! Ensuring that these students have the proper supportive documentation, such as the Independent Student Status Form (attached below), has been a priority to ensure each student has multiple copies. The form is utilized mainly by our unaccompanied youth for Financial Aid purposes and essentially ensures, students do not experience any barriers when applying for financial assistance.

**May Outreach Opportunities:**

- YHDP, McKinney Vento, and some of our teen parents were able to attend a ribbon shirt/skirt activity organized by the PCOP staff, in collaboration with the Blackfeet ManPower Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program; Family Spirit staff; and Mrs. Sharron Tucker from BHA.
- We were also able to offer our program graduates a congratulatory meal, celebrating their huge accomplishments and achievements. (Pictures attached)
- **\*\*\*FREE CLOTHING FRIDAY’S\*\*\*** In an attempt to organize and free up some space in our building clothing closets & identify families who may be needing support or resources. I will be placing clothing that is not currently needed, out in the front of our old office space at BES. Look for “Free Friday” fliers.
- Once Summer School Registration is available, we will be contacting families and registering students.

*We’ve identified #17 students who are unaccompanied and experiencing homelessness for the academic year 2025/2026 SY. #11 are currently enrolled in the YHDP*

**Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)**

Submitted by: [Tamara Guardipee](#)

**YHDP students in program SY 25-26: 17 total**

**YHDP students enrolled currently: 11 total**

**YHDP students Exited program: No communication/ Physically living with legal guardian: 6 total**

Four students attended the BCC self care day and enjoyed their day. They said it really made them feel good about themselves.

We had four of our students attend the Graduation Dinner with their families. They enjoyed a Nacho Bar and received gifts. We also had four students attend the Ribbon shirt/skirt activity.

No outreach planned for the rest of the month other than assisting students with finishing their ribbon skirts.

Difficulties: Students had poor attendance this month and we experienced difficulty getting them engaged and eager to participate in their classes.

Noticeable success: although student attendance was low, this has been the most they’ve attended school collectively as a whole.

**Honor Roll:**



Thank you,  
Parent Community Outreach Program Staff