

Dayton School District: Families in Transition Program

Coordinator: Tracy Gentrup- Ruebusch

End of Year Report: 2018-2019

Awareness

Goal of Objective: Increase the level of awareness/education of administrators, school personnel and guardians regarding the rights and education of homeless children and youth.

Activities to Support:

- Coordinator met with several school personnel individually to explain McKinney Vento Act and to discuss steps for identification.
- Coordinator implemented District Residency Verification Form for identification.
- Coordinator provided secretaries with written tip sheets for identification and reporting.
- Coordinator will hold all staff training in fall of 2019 at LES and DHS.
- Coordinator displayed McKinney Vento Posters in admissions areas.
- Coordinator developed pamphlet to distribute to parents/guardians explaining McKinney Vento Act and rights.

Revision of Policies and Practices

Goal of Objective: Review and revise district policies, regulations, and practices related to homeless: enrollment, attendance, outreach efforts, data retrieval, sharing of information, parent involvement initiatives, and providing basic services and supports.

Activities to Support:

- Coordinator attended monthly meeting with regional homeless coordinators to revise regional policies surrounding homeless students.
- Coordinator made 50 home visits.
- Coordinator made 40 basic needs referrals.
- Coordinator had 43 parent/student meetings regarding attendance and academics.
- Coordinator had 2 counselor referrals for academic or behavior.
- Coordinator assisted 1 family with after school care.
- Coordinator assisted 5 students with school supplies.
- Coordinator assisted 20 students with clothing.
- Coordinator assisted 2 families with enrollment.
- Coordinator set up and consulted on 5 cross district transportations.
- Coordinator set up 1 taxi services for a cross district transportation.

- Coordinator assisted 21 students with gas cards for cross district transportation, to parents who are privately transporting students.
- Coordinator assisted 6 students with TANK bus passes for cross district transportation.

Important to Note: Once a student is identified as McKinney Vento they remain identified for the remainder of the school year regardless of whether or not they obtain permanent housing.

Identification

Goal of Objective: Advance the appropriate identification of homeless students as well as streamline the enrollment process of these students.

Schools:	17-18	18-19
Dayton High School	7	22
Lincoln Elementary School	1	29
Totals:	8	51

Internal Collaboration

Goal of Objective: Increase the communication and collaboration between the district homeless liaison and other internal entities including: Title 1 coordinator, Family Resource and Youth Service Center Coordinators, School Counselors, School Nurses, and School Administrators.

Activities to Support:

- Coordinator met with YSC weekly.
- Coordinator collaborated with YSC for magnified giving program.
- Coordinator assisted YSC with Drug Free Alliance Club including fieldtrip, drug screenings and participation rewards.
- Coordinator assisted YSC and FRC with Free Store Foodbank Free Produce Event
- Coordinator assisted YSC and FRC with 2019 Prom Pampering Day.
- Coordinator met with FRC director bi-weekly.
- Coordinator collaborated with FRC on district wide preschool and kindergarten readiness events.
- Coordinator participated in Ready Fest at Lincoln Elementary.
- Coordinator is part of SAT for Dayton Middle and High School. Coordinator mentored two students this school year.
- Coordinator collaborated with school nurse on issues and concerns when needed.
- Coordinator scheduled meetings with Administrators and met as needed to discuss students and family's needs to reduce barriers.

External Collaboration

Goal of Objective: Increase the communication and collaboration between the district homeless liaison and external entities including community agencies which provide services for area homeless.

Activities to Support:

- Homeless Taskforce Members: Homeward Bound Shelter, Welcome House Shelter, and Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- Coordinator attends regional Safety Net Alliance meetings.
- Coordinator is a member of the NKY RIGHTS Committee.
- Coordinator is a member of the NKY National Hunger and Homelessness Committee.
- Coordinator is a member of the HUD NKY Steering Committee.

Resources

Goal of Objective: Increase and enhance existing resources available to homeless students including but not limited to, the following: pupil transportation passes, extended school services, homework assistance, nutrition programming, parent outreach, health referrals, counseling, vocational education, special education services, preschool services, fee waivers for extracurricular activities and summer programming.

Activities to Support:

- Coordinator partnered with Welcome House of NKY to assist families with deposit for housing in the amount of \$1,200.
- Coordinator paid for one birth certificate, totaling \$10.00.
- Coordinator submitted a referral to Brighton Center for the Build a Bed Campaign and the student was chosen to have a new bed built for him in his home.
- Coordinator received a donation from Upspring; 100 hygiene packs, \$100.00 in gift cards to purchase food and supplies for McKinney Vento families.
- Coordinator partnered with CARE Closet to assist families with clothing, furniture and food.
- Coordinator has partnered with Bellevue/Dayton Cornerstone Church for holiday food assistance.
- Coordinator has partnered with Highland United Methodist Church in Ft. Thomas for food assistance.

- Coordinator researched and developed a resource list for food assistance during the holiday break.