

**OVERVIEW**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines and protects the rights of students in transition to enroll in, attend, and succeed in our public schools. Chattooga County Schools was approved by the State Board of Education for a three-year grant cycle ending in 2012-2013. The Evaluation summarizes the assistance provided during the 2012-2013 grant cycle.

**DEFINITION**

The McKinney-Vento Act provides educational services to any pre-school or school-aged student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term transient includes:

* Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason—“doubled up”
* Children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of alternative housing
* Living in emergency shelters or transitional shelters
* Abandoned in hospitals
* Awaiting foster care placement—temporary (approximately one year or less)
* Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
* Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
* Migratory children described in the above situations
* Unaccompanied youth are youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY NUMBERS**

* 2007-2008 identified 286 HCY (Homeless Children & Youth)
* 2008-2009 identified 322 HCY
* 2009-2010 identified 312 HCY
* 2010-2011 identified 347 HCY
* 2011-2012 identified 346 HCY
* 2012-2013 identified 426 HCY

**EVALUATION**

Professional counseling proved to be the most successful activity providing counseling services to 32.6% of the HCY population and serving nearly 20% more HCY than estimated in the original grant. Dr. Jennings met individually with 9 HCY at four schools, 21 HCY received art therapy at four schools, 4 HCY participated in Extended Family for Kids group at one school, and 23 HCY met with Shannon Bond at two schools. In addition, School Counselors regularly served 124 HCY. Administrators, Counselors, Teachers, Nurses, and Community Agencies surveyed reported individual counseling as the number two need in the county. Randomly selected HCY surveyed reported individual counseling as the third highest need. Parents surveyed reported individual counseling as the fifth highest need.

The distribution of school and hygiene supplies continued to be utilized. School supplies and hygiene products helped 83 HCY (19.5%) participate in school activities and projects; nearly 4.5% more than the estimated 15% in the original grant. Randomly selected HCY surveyed reported school supplies as the number one need. School staff and parents surveyed reported school supplies as the number two need.

**SURVEY RESULTS**

Staff Survey Results Parent Survey Results

**33 Participants 21 Participants**

#1 Hygiene Products #1 Field Trip Assistance

#2 Individual Counseling & School Supplies #2 School Supplies

#3 After-School Tutoring #3 Clothing Assistance

#4 Field Trip Assistance #4 Hygiene Supplies & Athletic Uniforms

#5 Clothing Assistance #5 Individual Counseling

#6 Transportation Assistance #6 After-School Tutoring & Transportation

#7 Group Counseling #7 Club Fees & Glasses

#8 Summer School & Glasses #8 Graduation Fees

#9 Club Fees & Medical Referrals #9 Summer School

#10 Senior Fees

#11 Staff Trainings & Enrollment Assistance

Student Survey Results

**40 Participants**

#1 School Supplies

#2 Field Trip Assistance

#3 Individual Counseling

#5 After-School Tutoring & Group Counseling

#6 Glasses

#7 Athletic Uniforms

#8 Medical Concerns

#9 Hygiene Products & Summer School

**Chattooga County identified 426 transient students in 2012-2013**

**TUTORING**

* Tutoring was offered to **77** students with grades C or below after 1st Semester was completed.
* **47**transient students out of **426** at four schools utilized tutoring through after-school teacher tutoring. **(This is 11%)**
* From the letter grades recorded in Excel, our school found that 39 (**83%)** of students receiving tutoring assistance increased at least one letter grade quarterly (primarily in Math, Language Arts, and Reading or in the area being tutored).
* Of the 30 participating in tutoring that took the CRCT, 22 Met or Exceeded the standard in Language Arts (73.3%), 18 in Math (60%), and 24 in Reading (80%).
* In the original grant we strived for 10% of the total HCY to receive tutoring services with 85% of those receiving tutoring to improve one letter grade.

**ASSISTANCE**

* **43**transient students received field trip assistance.
* **83** transient students received school supplies/hygiene products.
* **23** transient students received caps and gowns.
* **14** transient students received assistance to participate in band, sports, FFA, or Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).
* **20** transient students received emergency clothing or athletic uniforms.
* **5** transient students received supplemental transportation services to remain in their school of origin.
* **1** transient student received eye glasses and eye exam.

**COUNSELING SERVICES**

* **181** transient students were provided counseling services. **(This is 42.5%)**
* **124** transient students were served consistently by School Counselors
* **21**transient students received art therapy through Blythe Mayfield at four schools.
* **9** transient students received individual counseling through Dr. Jennings at four schools.
* **4** transient students received group therapy through Extended Family for Kids at two schools.
* **23** transient students received small group communication building skills through Shannon Bond.
* Professional counseling was the most successful, far surpassing the goal of 15% of total HCY receiving professional counseling.

**OTHER**

* **25** transient students graduated high school.
* **82** transient students had over 15 absences this school year. (This is **19.2%**)

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| **School Name** | **Double Up** | **Hotel** | **Shelter** | **Foster** | **Unsheltered** |
| Chattooga Academy | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chattooga High | 73 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Leroy Massey | 151 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| Lyerly | 37 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Menlo | 36 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Summerville Middle | 83 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Totals:** | **401** | **5** | **17** | **9** | **0** |