***Chattooga County Schools***



***Evaluation of the 2013-2014***

***McKinney-Vento***

***Homeless Assistance Grant***

**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 grant cycle ending September 30, 2016. The Evaluation summarizes the assistance provided during the 2015-2016 grant cycle.

***Evaluation***

**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
* 2013-2014 identified 461 HCY
* 2014-2015 identified HCY 283
* 2015-2016 identified HCY 221; The U.S. Census estimate for children experiencing homelessness in our district was 226.7; this number indicates that 97% of our homeless students were identified.

**EVALUATION**

Professional counseling proved to be the most successful activity providing counseling services to nearly 61% of the HCY population and serving more than double the HCY than the estimated 20% in the original grant. Dr. Jennings met individually with 8 HCY at four schools, 29 HCY received art therapy at three schools, and 27 HCY met with Shannon Bond. In addition, School Counselors regularly served 73 HCY.

The distribution of school and hygiene supplies continued to be utilized. School supplies and hygiene products helped 100 HCY participate in school activities and projects.

**SURVEY RESULTS**A survey was created on Survey Monkey this year to survey Program Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, School Counselors, Parent Coordinators, School Nurses, and Teachers. Approximately 60 individuals participated. The top five needs rated in Chattooga County were School Supplies, Field Trip Assistance, Clothing Assistance, Hygiene Products, and Individual Counseling. A randomly selected group of 56 McKinney-Vento students completed a Student Survey to assess their own individual needs. The top five needs rated by students were School Supplies, Clothing Assistance, Field Trip Fees, Individual Counseling, and Group Counseling w/ other students. A group of 13 Community Organization representatives completed an anonymous community organization survey. The top needs rated were school supplies, athletic uniforms, clothing assistance, individual counseling, and Club Fees. Parent Surveys are sent to every family identified by the Homeless Liaison and enclosed with a letter and brochure. 20 surveys were returned. The top 5 needs rated were School Supplies, Field Trip Assistance, Athletic Fees/Club Fees, After School Tutoring, and Clothing Assistance .

**Chattooga County identified 221 transient students in 2015-2016**

***School Data 2013-2014***

**TUTORING**

* **24** transient students out of **221** at four schools utilized tutoring. **(This is 10%)**
* From the letter grades recorded in Excel, our school found that 24 (**85.7%)** 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 17 participating in tutoring that took the CRCT, 15 Met or Exceeded the standard in Language Arts (88.2%), 13 in Math (76.5%), and 11 in Reading (84.6%).

**ASSISTANCE**

* **75** transient students received field trip assistance.
* **100** transient students received school supplies/hygiene products.
* **8** transient students received caps and gowns.
* **28**transient students received assistance to participate in band, sports, FFA, or Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).
* **33** transient students received emergency clothing or athletic uniforms.
* **4** transient students received supplemental transportation services to remain in their school of origin.
* **5** transient students received lockers at high school or middle schools.

**COUNSELING SERVICES**

* **137** transient students were provided counseling services. **(This is 61%)**
* **73** transient students were served consistently by School Counselors
* **29** transient students received art therapy through Blythe Mayfield at four schools.
* **8** transient students received individual counseling through Dr. Jennings at four schools.
* **27** transient students received small group communication building skills through Shannon Bond.

**ATTENDANCE**

* **66** transient students had over 15 absences this school year. (This is **14.3%**)

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| **School Name** | **Total Transient** | **Doubled Up** | **Hotel** | **Shelter** | **Unsheltered** |
| Chattooga Academy | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Chattooga High | 55 | 44 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Leroy Massey | 63 | 55 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Lyerly | 21 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Menlo | 28 | 28 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Summerville Middle | 43 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| PreK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **TOTAL:** | **221** | **189** | **22** | **13** | **0** |