

APS TITLE I HOMELESS PROJECT



Providing the means, motivation, & encouragement needed for homeless students to reach their potential.

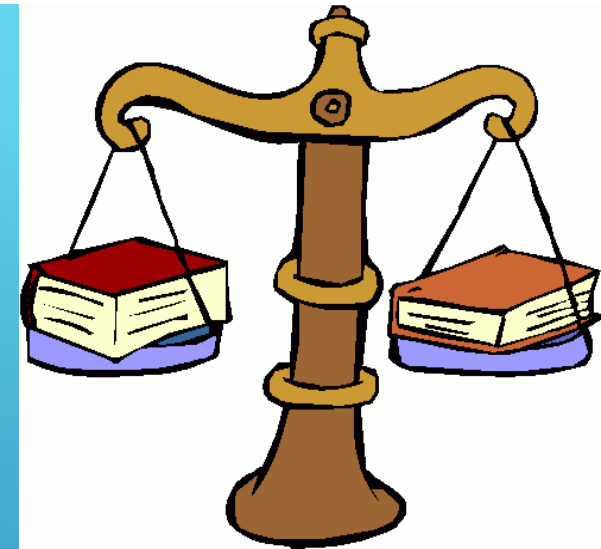
- ▶ What images come to mind for you when you hear the word “homeless”?

THINK, PAIR, SHARE

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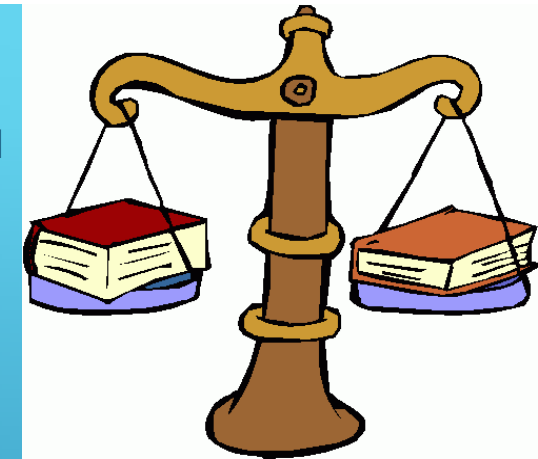
Defines homeless as students and families living in the following circumstances:

- ▶ Transitional living programs or shelters
- ▶ Motels, cars, abandoned buildings or other inadequate accommodations
- ▶ Families who are “doubled-up” due to a loss of housing or income
- ▶ Runaways or youth rendered homeless by their parents (unaccompanied youth)



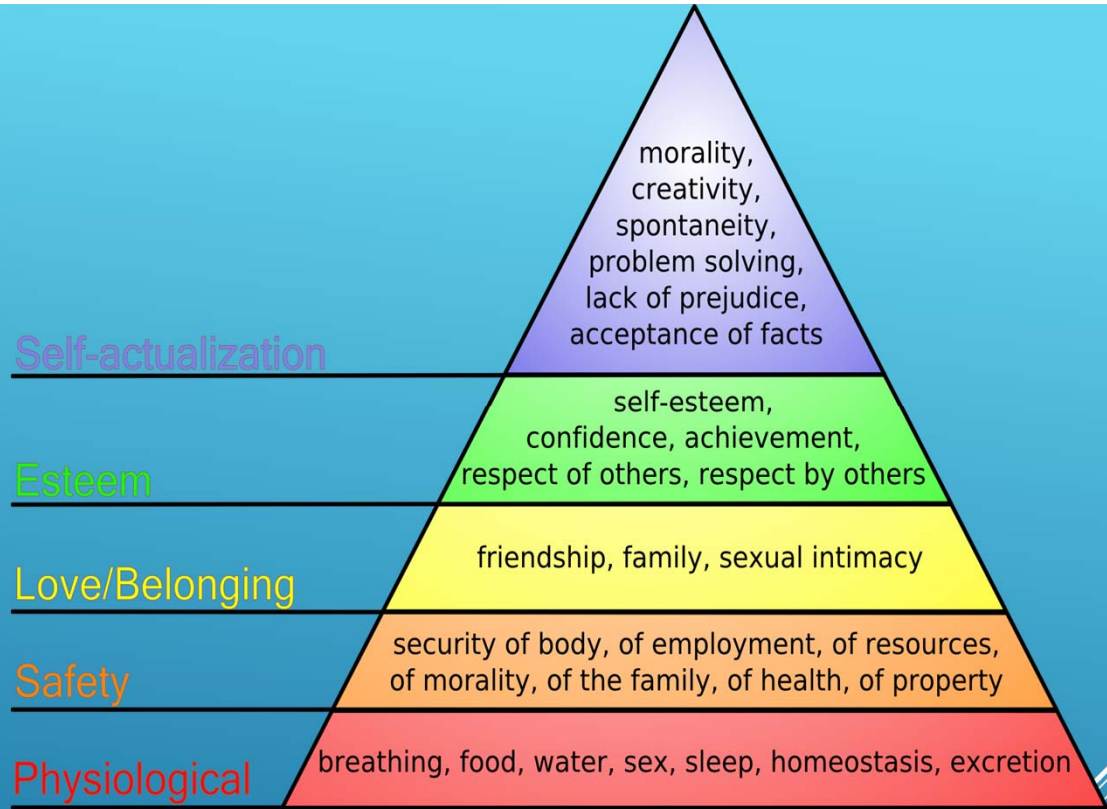
MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1987

- ▶ Eliminate or remove educational barriers, enrollment, transportation, and provide resources.
- ▶ Last school year, we qualified 3,434 students as homeless. This year, we have already qualified over 3,300 children and youth.
- ▶ Community Education:
 1. Too many children in homeless situations nationally.
 2. Large number of homeless students hidden from public view (APS Title I Homeless Project, 2013-14)
 3. Average of a two year wait list for public housing with the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County
- ▶ Program funding (McKinney-Vento, Title I, Community Grants)



MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT CONTINUED

Where do you think homeless students are located on this hierarchy? How do you think this impacts our society?



- ▶ Enrollment and Outreach
- ▶ Alphabet Alley Preschool
- ▶ Middle & High School Lunch Seminar Programs
- ▶ Career Fairs
- ▶ Graduation Services
- ▶ Elementary & Middle School Tutoring Programs
- ▶ Summer Programs



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Volunteers are vital to the success of our program.

- ▶ Tutoring programs- Retired educators, community volunteers, Keshet, JCC, Birthday Ladies, NMARB, GAAR/Realtors, Holiday Adoptions
- ▶ Donation drives
- ▶ Storeroom help
- ▶ Community support- Manzano del Sol, Manzano Day School, Double Eagle Elementary



ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PROGRAM

- ▶ Partner and collaborate with several agencies
- ▶ Memorandums of Understanding help us facilitate and expedite services
- ▶ Health services also make a huge impact on lives on homeless students (Healing the Children, Dental care, Vaccinations)
- ▶ Mindfulness through UNM Psychology Department



HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- ▶ What are ways that you have collaborated with community members in your work?
- ▶ Do you have other ideas on how to engage your community?

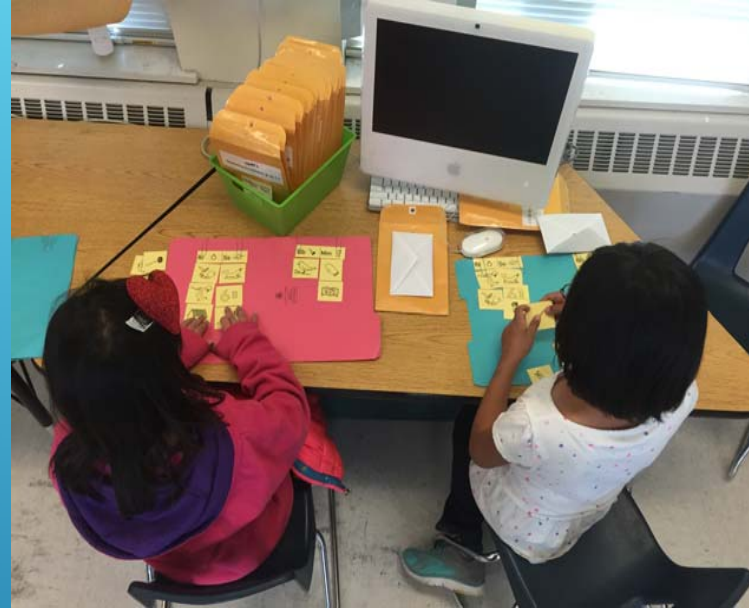
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- Lunch Programs at 10 middle and high school sites across APS
- Build relationships, mentor, and provide outreach services to homeless students (snack packs, bus passes, school supplies)
- Seminars with guest speakers- school staff, career presentations, colleges
- Cap & Gown vouchers & FAFSA letters



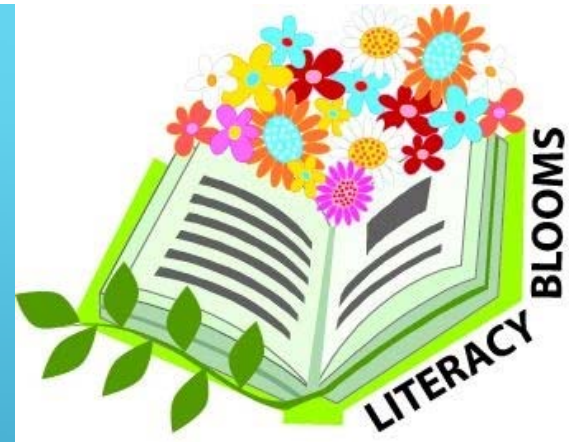
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS



TUTORING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

- ▶ Links to Literacy Approach
- ▶ Art & Dance Activities
- ▶ Family Style Dinner
- ▶ Success Stories

TUTORING PROGRAM



- ▶ Experiential Learning
- ▶ Field Trips/Community Exploration
- ▶ Breakfast and lunch
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Literacy and art instruction

SUMMER PROGRAM

- ▶ Emergency food bags for homeless families
- ▶ Fruit for snacks from the Farmers Market
- ▶ Catered meals at our tutoring programs (2x per week)
- ▶ Lunch programs
- ▶ Snack packs for unaccompanied youth



FOOD IS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR
SERVICE DELIVERY

- ▶ City of Albuquerque
- ▶ United Way
- ▶ Albuquerque Community Foundation
- ▶ Sandia Foundation
- ▶ Sheppard of the Valley Presbyterian Church
- ▶ Apply for specific programs
- ▶ Find a champion for your program!
- ▶ Smaller grants add up!

GRANTS ALLOW US TO EXPAND OUR
PROGRAMS



- ▶ New Mexico ranks 49th in child welfare (Kids Count Data Book, 2013)
- ▶ New Mexico ranks 44th in risk of child homelessness (America's Youngest Outcasts, 2013)
- ▶ New Mexico ranks 1st in child hunger (Feeding America, 2013)
- ▶ The APS Title I Homeless Project, with the help of community support, is working to address these issues through our programs and services.



CLOSING THOUGHTS