
Southern Westchester BOCES Homeless Student Program

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Overview

This workshop will highlight how financial resources can be established and increased by successful collaborations and partnerships with:

- **Department of Social Services**
- **School Districts**
- **Community Service Agencies**

Homeless Student Program is a Collaboration of:

- **Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Education Services**
- **The Westchester County Department of Social Services**
- **The Urban League of Westchester, Inc.**

**Funding Sources: McKinney-Vento
Youth at Risk**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Homeless Student Program is to ensure that every student residing in temporary housing has equal access to all available services and programs.

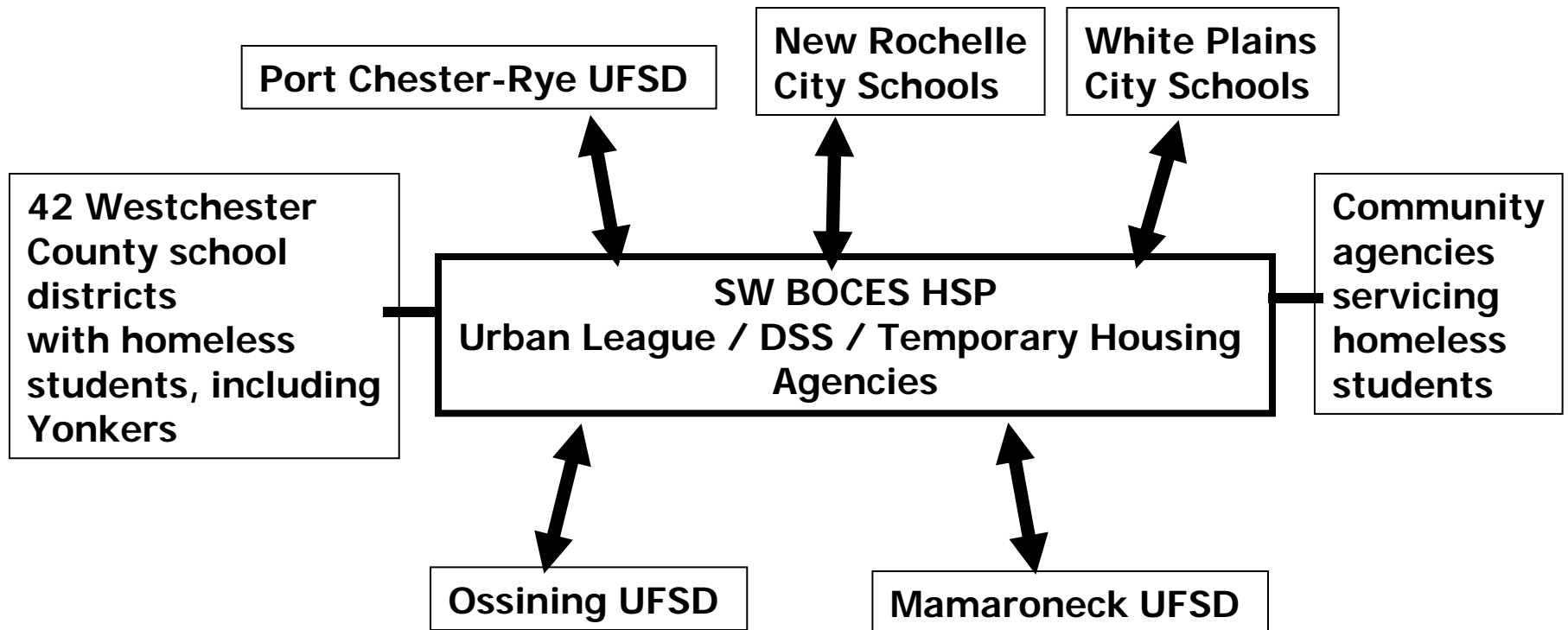
Homeless Student Program

- **Purpose: To develop a data base to track homeless students regarding:**
 - ❑ **Placement History**
 - ❑ **Family Composition**
 - ❑ **School enrollment**
 - ❑ **Attendance**
 - ❑ **Transportation**
 - ❑ **Educational Needs**

McKinney Consortium

- **Created in 2004 with McKinney-Vento grant funding**
- **Members included:**
 - **White Plains Public School District**
 - **Port Chester-Rye UFSD**
 - **Ossining UFSD**
 - **Mamaroneck UFSD**
 - **New Rochelle City School District**

McKinney Consortium



Consortium Staff

- **Project Coordinator**
- **Part time Social Worker**
- **Part time Education Specialist**
- **Additional NYS certified teachers/Reading Recovery trained**
- **Additional clerical support**

Outreach

- **Department of Social Services**
 - **Data collection and maintenance**
 - **Perform an intermediary role between;**
 - **DSS**
 - **School districts**
 - **Transitional housing programs**
 - **Family shelters**

Outreach

- **School Districts**
 - **Staff Development regarding McKinney-Vento regulations**
 - **Homeless Liaison meetings and trainings**
 - **Jackson Model**
 - **Ongoing technical assistance/problem solving**

Outreach

■ Family Shelters

- ❑ After school and summer literacy programs
- ❑ Parent workshops
- ❑ High Risk Case conferencing
- ❑ In service trainings
- ❑ Technical Assistance
- ❑ Transportation conflict resolution

Outreach

- **Community Based Organizations**
HSP Staff:
 - **Active Board, Advisory Council and Task Force members**
 - **Community Network participants**
 - **Provide on-going staff development**
 - **Facilitate collaboration of Community Agencies**

Instruction Model

- **Shelter After School Literacy and Math Lab**
 - **Two hours – three days/week**
 - **Pre- and post-testing using the DRA**
 - **On going assessment using running records**
 - **Individual and small group instruction**
 - **Student progress reports**

Instruction Model

- **After School Sites**
 - **Two hours – two days/week for 26 weeks**
 - **Pre- and post-testing using the DRA**
 - **On going assessment using running records**
 - **Individual and small group instruction**
 - **Student progress reports**

Instruction Model

- **Summer Literacy Program**
 - **Two hours – four days/week for 6 weeks**
 - **Pre- and post-testing using the DRA**
 - **On going assessment using running records**
 - **Individual and small group instruction based on the Balanced Literacy Model**
 - **Student progress reports**

Instruction Model

- **Child Care Council of Westchester –**
“Literacy, Science and Math, Oh, My!”
 - **Various Westchester after school day care sites serving impoverished children**
 - **Eighteen hours of direct instruction**
 - **In-service training to day care staff**

Networking

Definition:

An informal system whereby persons having common interests, assist each other.

-The American Heritage College Dictionary, third edition

Collaborative Funding and Resources

- **McKinney Consortium**
- **Child Care Council of Westchester**
- **WestHELP Mount Vernon**
- **Westhab, Inc.**
- **Edith Winthrop Teacher Center of Westchester**
- **Feed the Children**
- **Helping Hands for the Homeless**
- **Pace University**

On the Radar

- **The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy**
- **Childhood obesity**
- **Preschool initiatives**
- **Middle school literacy**
- **Nutrition/Health**
- **Dropout Prevention**

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