



CENTRAL FLORIDA
**COMMISSION ON
HOMELESSNESS**
Monthly Members Meeting
March 24th, 2020

Welcome!

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

HomeAid Orlando

True Health

OCPS- McKinny-Vento Program

HMIS Update

Announcements

HomeAid Orlando

Russ Beymer

Executive Director



HomeAid Orlando

HAO Board of Directors

Russ Beymer,
Executive Director



- **Brian Brunhofer**, Taylor Morrison – Board President
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- **Bud Moscony**, Inspired Title



Introductions

Service Provider Network of community partners

Always looking for more – make a connection



- Coalition for the Homeless
- HBI Career Center
- Family Promise
- Homeless Services Network
- SafeHouse
- Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

- Community Resource Network
- One Heart for Women & Children
- Bright Community Trust
- The Lifeboat Project
- Salvation Army
- Community Hope Center
- MORE TO COME!!





Ending homelessness since 1989



HomeAid I
IMPACT

365,000+
People Housed

10,500+
Beds Created

900+
Projects Built

\$256 Million+
Housing Created

\$117 Million+
Dollars Saved

10 Million+
Essential Items



**Our First Steps,
One Heart for Women and Children**

- *Food Drive
- *Pantry Expansion





For more information visit homeaid.org or homeaidorlando.org.

Flyers available to email.



Thank You!

Please send me an email to continue the conversation russ@homeaid.org



True Health

Gary Miles
Community Outreach Specialist



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REAL CHOICES. REAL CARE.

- Our mission is to provide quality healthcare at an affordable price.
- We accept most insurance carriers, including Medicare and Medicaid
- At True Health, no one is denied the help they need.



True Health

- a private, non-profit 501 (c)(3)
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Seven locations within Orange and Seminole Counties

True Health

- Low-income, uninsured, underinsured, and underserved
- Sliding fee scale
- Annually we proudly serve over 40,000 unduplicated patients with over 101,000 encounters.

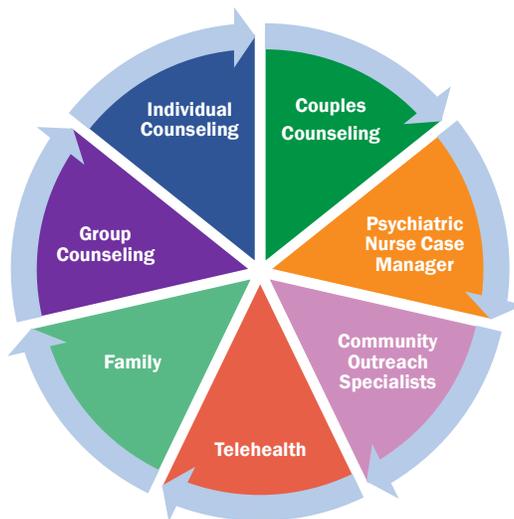




Behavioral Health Services



Services Offered





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Liz's Specialties



- Children & Adolescents
- Anxiety
- Conduct Issues
- Anger Management
- Depression
- Co-Occurring MH & SA
- Bipolar
- PTSD
- Family/Life Changes
- Family Therapy



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John's Specialties



- Anxiety
- Addiction
- Change of Life
- Anger Management
- Depression
- Autism Spectrum
- Bipolar
- PTSD
- Pain Management
- EMDR Therapy

This graphic is similar to the one above, but with a diagonal grey line separating the white and dark grey areas. On the white background, the True Health logo and tagline are present. On the dark grey background, the word "Dental" is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a bulleted list of services in a white sans-serif font:

- At True Health, we offer emergency-based treatments only for adults.
- At True Health, our skilled dentists will perform an evaluation and take x-rays.
- Two oral surgeons working with us
- Low cost wisdom tooth extraction for underinsured or uninsured supply appropriate referrals for root canal services.

Dental

- With pharmacies on-site, you won't need to call in or travel to pick up prescriptions.
- If you need antibiotics for a dental infection, you can pick them up on your way out of the office.



Additional Services

- Primary Adult Care
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry
- Laboratory
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Disease Prevention
- Pharmacy

Questions ?



McKinney-Vento Program

Danielle Batista- District Liaison
Christine Cleveland- Senior Administrator

3.24.2020



Agenda



- Background of MVP Program
- Common Struggles/ Related Trauma
- MVP Rights
- Resources

Goal: Participants will become knowledgeable about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act including the main rights and services available for students and families via the Orange County Public Schools MVP district office.

1.5 million

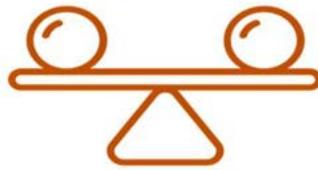
**Students experiencing homelessness, preK-12,
identified by public schools in 2017-2018.**

15% increase over 3 school years!

Source: National Center for Homeless Education (2020). [National Overview](#).

McKinney-Vento Program (MVP)

- ❑ Created to provide services to address challenges children and youth in housing transition may face when enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school (i.e. school stability).



McKinney-Vento Program (MVP) Who is Eligible?



Fixed: stationary, permanent, not subject to change



Regular: predictable, routine, consistent nightly basis



Adequate: sufficient to meet both physical and psychological need

The Lack of:

Homeless Living Situations...

- ❑ Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- ❑ Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- ❑ Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- ❑ Living in a public or private place not designed for or regularly used as accommodations
- ❑ Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
 - ❑ What is substandard? Check utilities; infestations; mold; dangers

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Being homeless doesn't just mean living in shelters...

- 78% of formerly homeless students surveyed say homelessness was something they experienced more than once.
- 47% say they were homeless both with a parent or guardian and alone.
- 94% stayed with other people rather than in one consistent place they called home.
- 50% slept in a car, park, abandoned building, bus station or other public place.

Learn what matters. Get involved.
GradNation.org/Homeless

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

#UnseenStudents

HOMELESS STUDENTS IN AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)

- ❑ For any child or youth, including an unaccompanied child or youth, to be eligible for McKinney-Vento services, his/her living arrangement must meet the McKinney-Vento definition of *homeless*
- ❑ **Unaccompanied:** The term *unaccompanied youth* includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. Pub. L. No. 114-95, § 9105(a)(3), 129 Stat. 2137
- ❑ A guardianship issue alone (without homelessness) does not convey McKinney-Vento eligibility



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Common Struggles

- Enrollment at multiple schools
- Lack of records
- Gaps in learning
- Poor/inconsistent attendance
- Talking about frequent moves
- Poor hygiene
- Unmet medical/dental needs
- Wearing the same clothes repeatedly
- Fatigue
- Hoarding food
- Social and behavioral challenges, such as extreme shyness, withdrawal, or aggression
- Clinginess
- Difficulty with peer and/or adult relationships
- Poor attention span
- Anxiety late in the school day
- Lack of participation in field trips and/or afterschool activities
- Lack of basic school supplies
- Inability to complete special projects

Facts on Trauma and Students Experiencing Homelessness

- ❑ Become ill at twice the rate as other students
- ❑ Experience twice as many ear infections
- ❑ Five times more stomach problems
- ❑ Twice as likely to repeat a grade
- ❑ Go hungry twice as often as other students
- ❑ 1/5 of preschoolers have emotional problems, but less than 1/3 receive proper care
- ❑ Twice the rate of learning disabilities and three times the rate of emotional/behavioral problems
- ❑ ½ experience anxiety, depression, or withdrawal
- ❑ By the age of 8, 1 in 3 will develop a mental health disorder

Source: The National Child Traumatic Stress Network. [Facts Overview](#)

Educational Impacts



- ❑ **42% of students** who experienced homelessness say they dropped out of school at least once; **60% say it was hard** to stay in school while they were homeless.
- ❑ Homelessness is associated with an **87% likelihood of dropping out of school, chronic absenteeism, and disproportionate school discipline.**
- ❑ Over time, the achievement gaps between homeless and low-income elementary students tend to persist and may even worsen.

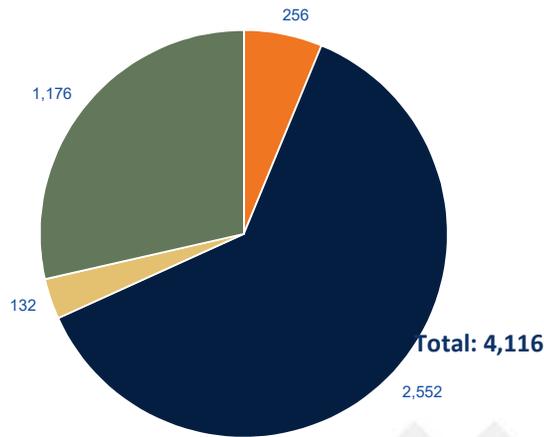
Overcoming Homelessness Through Education

- ❑ Lack of a high school diploma or GED is the top risk factor for young adult homelessness: 346% more likely.
- ❑ By 2020, 65% of all jobs will require education beyond high school.
- ❑ The McKinney-Vento Act is an important strategy to overcome homelessness.



OCPS Current Statistics

Night-time Residence



■ Shelter ■ Shared Housing ■ Car, Park, Public Space, Bus/ Train Station ■ Hotels/Motels

MVP Rights

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Immediate Enrollment:

- ❑ Within first attempt, must enroll (attend classes)
- ❑ Students must enroll even if lacking documents such as:
 - ❑ Proof of residence
 - ❑ Immunization records
 - ❑ Birth certificates
 - ❑ School records

Federal law does not have timelines for providing such documentation, but Florida Statutes provide a 30 day extension for immunization records.

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MVP Rights



School Stability and Selection:

- ❑ Two options:
 - ❑ Zoned School (based on address)
 - ❑ School of Origin (School attended when permanently housed or last school attended)
- ❑ Students can continue attending their school of origin the entire time they are homeless and until the end of the school year in which they move into permanent housing.
- ❑ Incoming Kindergarten and/or Pre-K students do not have a “school of origin”. They must enroll into the zoned school for their temporary housing.

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MVP Rights



Free Meals:

- Homeless students are categorically eligible for free meals.
- Income requirements do not matter
- SRQ may be used to initiate meals in lieu of a Free and Reduced Lunch application
- Coordination is needed for the “day of” identification

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Transportation:

- Must be provided to the school of origin including until the end of the year when the student obtains permanent housing, at a parent’s or guardian’s request
 - K – 12th grade
 - Must be over 2 miles
 - All homeless public school students included
 - A transportation worksheet goes to your router
 - Bus passes and gas cards are available during routing through the district homeless liaisons
 - Available during transportation set up as it may take 5-10 days

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District Office Support



- ❑ MVP Status certification during challenging cases
- ❑ Description of rights
- ❑ Coordination and connection to school and community resources
- ❑ Kids Closet- Basic needs: Clothing, hygiene items, food, etc.
- ❑ Field Trip fees (up to \$25 per student) on a first come, first serve basis
- ❑ Activity fee (up to \$75) on a first come, first serve basis

COVID-19 – Orange County Public Schools

- Food Distribution Centers – 10AM – 2PM – [50 Sites](#)
- Digital Instruction for grades 6-12 (devices and hotspots available at schools)
- Work Packets for grades K-5 – Packets available for pick-up at schools (direction provided by school)
- At this time district offices and schools still open 9AM – 3PM, limited staff
- Instructional Staff all working remotely
- Updates available at ocps.net

Resources

- ❑ SchoolHouse Connection: <http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/>
- ❑ Hidden in Plain Sight: <http://www.americaspromise.org/report/hidden-plain-sight>
 - ❑ National Center on Homeless Education: <https://nche.ed.gov>
 - ❑ National Network for Youth: <http://www.nn4youth.org>
 - ❑ Education Leads Home: <https://www.educationleadshome.org/>
- ❑ Orange County Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program: www.homeless.ocps.net

Mainline: 407-317-3485
Website: homeless.ocps.net

Homeless Liaisons:
(407)317-3200

Danielle Batista: x 200-2789
Bernice Mendes: x 200-2815
Jasmin Reyes: x 200-4594

Senior Administrator: Christine Cleveland: x200-2771
Program Specialist: Patti Knapp: x200-4590





HMIS Training Update

-  HMIS Trainings will be hosted via the web until further notice.
-  To request a training, please submit a Training Request Form on hmiscfl.org

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th
9am (Networking at 8:30am)
Location: TBD

