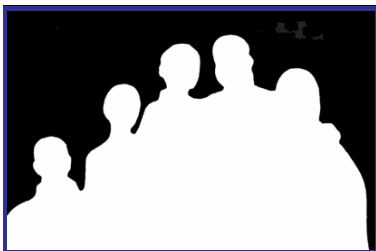


FWCS H.A.P.
Family Centers/Shelters



- Charis House
- Hampton Court
- FW Women's Bureau, Transitions
- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Vincent House
- Wayne Township, Outreach Program
- Whittington House
- YWCA Domestic
- Hotel/Motel
- Pathways



HOMELESS AIN'T NICE

Homeless ain't nice

People don't treat you the same

It makes you feel like an alien

It makes you feel ashamed.

Homeless ain't nice

No food, no home, no bread

People would give anything

For a night in a comfy bed.

Homeless ain't nice

People huddle close together

Wondering where the next meal comes from

Will they live like this forever?

Homeless ain't nice

In a doorway cuddled up tight

Paper and cardboard all around them

Just to keep them warm at night.

Homeless ain't nice

No warm grub to fill your tum

13 and 14 years old on the street

Why don't they go home to mum?

Homeless ain't nice

Believe 'cos it's true

And I know what I'm talking about

'Cos I am homeless too.

~ By C. Brennan ~



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Program Statement

Fort Wayne Community School's (FWCS) Homeless Assistance Program (H.A.P.) provides services to homeless children and youth through the assistance of McKinney-Vento Act. The program provides resources to help eliminate the barriers faced by these students as they enter school. Through resources such as timely and consistent transportation, school supplies, tutorial assistance and program support for parents, our program will continue to grow and service the needs of our community. The program serves homeless students enrolled in school from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Several community agencies collaborate with FWCS in the implementation of the program, including community shelters and faith-based organizations.

Also included are several hotels throughout Fort Wayne. Desired outcomes continue to be the building of community awareness of specific problems facing homeless families and the direct educational assistance to homeless students.



Services

- Enrollment
- Transportation
- Tutorial
- Enrichment
- Referrals
- Clothing Assistance



BARRIERS

- Lack of permanent housing
- Emotional stress
- Lack of clothing
- Excessive absences
- Obtaining school records
- Stereotyping



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How Does The Homeless Assistance Program Receive Referrals?

Student and family referrals are made by administrators, teachers, counselors, social workers, other school personnel, community members and agencies. A simple phone call to the Homeless Liaison will initiate the referral process. Every effort is made to link the families with appropriate services to address their need.

Who Does the Homeless Assistance Program Serve?

The program provides services to youth and their families who are determined as being "homeless".



Individuals who:

- lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime shelter
- are living in a shelter, transitional housing, hotel, street, car, abandoned building
- are living doubled up with relatives, other families and runaways
- are school-aged unwed mothers living in homes for unwed mothers and have no other available living accommodations