

ONE FAMILY, ONE YEAR, ONE HOME

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



YEAR ONE UPDATE
SANTA ROSA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2018

Year	Homeless Students	Unaccompanied Youth
2011-2012	1,530	110
2012-2013	1,703	155
2013-2014	1,806	115
2014-2015	1,704	86
2015-2016	1,301	76
2016-2017	1,104	82
2017-2018	1,033	89
2018-2019	807	47



*90 Displace students from Hurricane Michael. 67 are homeless.

HISTORY

- Robust partnership between Santa Rosa School District and Homeless Coalition beginning in 2010. McKinney-Vento Liaison has served on COC and Coalition Board for 8 years.
- In 2016, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation approved funding for a Small Counties Demonstration Project to house homeless families who have children in school.
- The Opening Doors of Northwest Florida became aware of the program and facilitated a meeting between the Housing Finance Agency, the Santa Rosa School District and Milton Housing Authority.

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- Step 1 Identify partners and willing local housing authority
- Step 2 Memorandum and Contract Development-March 2017-January 2018
- Step 3 Board Approval of MOU and Contract- January 12, 2018
- Step 4 Press releases and recruitment
- Step 5 Intake and moving in!

Current participation:

- 19 Families in housing: 52 students Pre-K-12th Grade
- 2 Families with vouchers
- 1 Expired voucher



Goals:

- Provided with housing stability for 12 months,
- Students' academic success will improve and family engagement in schools will increase,
- Families income will increase, and
- Families will remain stably housed after the first year.

HOW DO WE PAY FOR IT?

- Florida Housing Finance Corporation- \$250,000 for 3 years= \$750,000 (20-25 families served each year)
- Title I, Part A Homeless Set-Aside- Funding for 3 full-time social workers
- Title IX Homeless Education Grant- Case Management Services to increase family engagement in school and student success
- Local partners- Furniture, deposit and utility fees, household items, rental of storage unit for donations

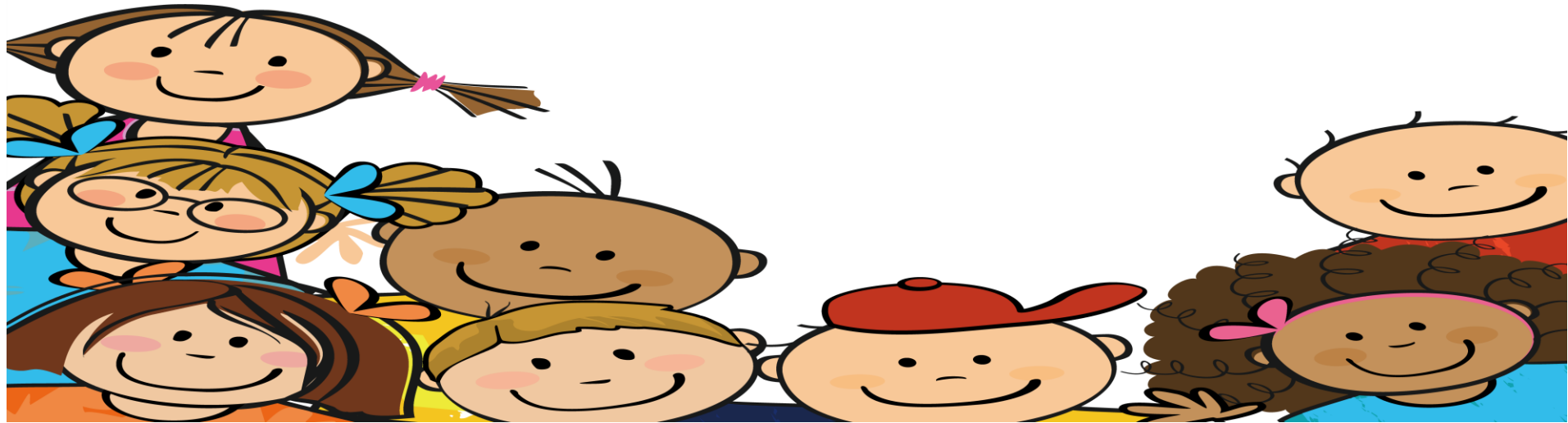
TBRA- A Community Effort!

- Florida Housing Finance Corporation
- Santa Rosa County School District
- *Opening Doors of Northwest Florida*
- Milton Housing Authority
- Family Promise
- The Dawn Church, The Hope Church, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
- University of West Florida
- Santa Rosa Bridges Out of Poverty
- Alyssa's Antique Depot
- Sportsmen Giving Back



Who is eligible?

- Students who are eligible for McKinney-Vento Services and enrolled in the Santa Rosa County School District



McKinney-Vento Definition

- Children or youth who **lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence**, including children and youth:
 - Sharing the housing of other persons 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, or who are abandoned in hospitals



What must families do to participate?

- ✓ Meet with COL Staff and begin application process
- ✓ Complete the Family Sustainability Plan
- ✓ Agree to follow Attendance Policy
- ✓ Support child's school success
- ✓ Participate in Case Management
- ✓ Meet with Opening Doors to determine financial eligibility
- ✓ Provide all financial documents and participate in orientation with Milton Housing Authority
- ✓ Be responsible for utilities and a minimum of \$50/month for rent
- ✓ Set goals and meet with Family Promise Case Manager twice a month for the first month and then monthly for 11 months

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Successes

- 19 Families in housing (52 students Pre-K-12th Grade)
- 2 Families with vouchers
- 100% of students in TBRA school year 17-18 were promoted to next grade
- 87% have earned grades of A, B, or C on First Nine Weeks Report Cards!
- 90% students regular school attendance!
- Adults gaining employment, better employment, increased income
- Reunification of children with their family
- Families participating in Getting Ahead in a Getting' by World
- Increased community awareness and support

Challenges

- Finding affordable housing in some areas of the county:1 Expired voucher
- Acclimation to new surroundings
- Need volunteers to assist families with moving to new home

SUCCESS STORIES!

Single mom with only one of children with her when she entered the program. She was working very part time and barely making it. The program allowed her to afford an apartment and stable address. This allowed her to move to full time work at her job, because she could ask for rides from a coworker because of the stable address. This in turn allowed her second son to join her and now all three are doing well and working toward goals as a family.

Single dad with two elementary age girls. It allowed him to afford his own place and not have to move multiple times throughout the month. He was able to increase his work hours and begin to pay all of his own bills. It will allow him to begin saving as soon as he gets caught up on old bills.

SUCCESS STORIES!

Single mother with twin boys. The program provided the stability she needed to allow her to pursue a different full time job with more advancement opportunities. She has started saving and working on learning to budget.

Single dad with challenges getting son to school. Not having stable housing had lead to the son being late to school multiple times a week. The program has eliminated the issues with tardiness. The bus knows where to pick the son up each day and he is not left wondering when he will get to school.

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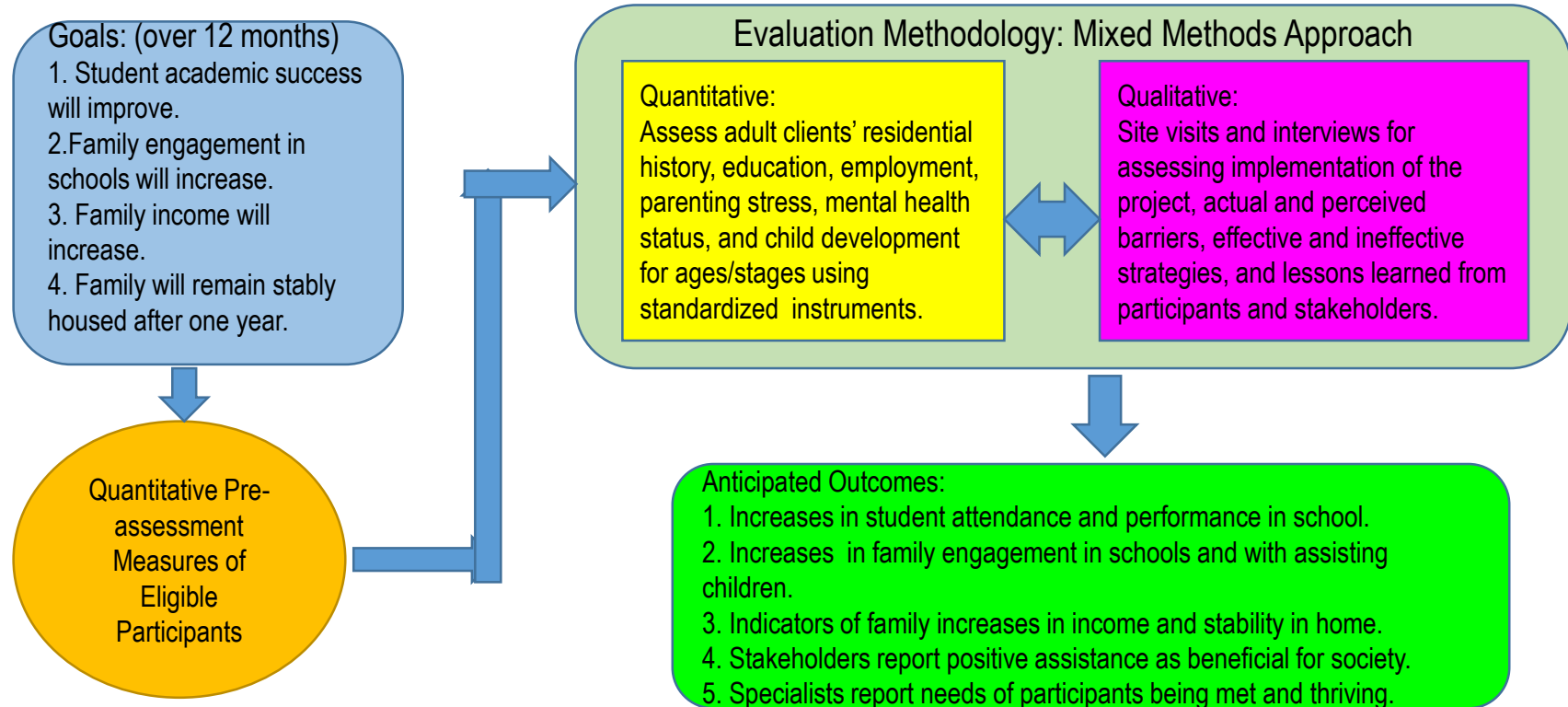
Rhodes Elementary Second Grade Student is this month's Panther Pride Pup for following directions and working all the time in class. he is very excite and proud! His mom is so happy about his progress and great news, she baked him a cake!



Projected Evaluation Plan: “One Family, One Year, One Home”

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

Dr. Carla Thompson, Director, University of West Florida Community Outreach Research and Learning (CORAL) Center

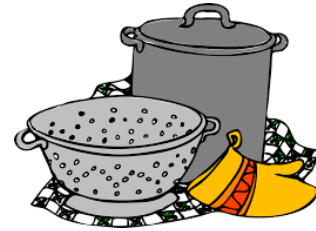


Community Support

Household Items
Employment



Moving Day Assistance
Furniture, kitchen items



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