

Orange County Public Schools

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FAQ corner

Question: When a family completes a verification of residence form through OCPS Pupil Assignment are they no longer considered homeless? Answer: No. The completion of the OCPS Address Verification process does not negate the homeless designation in SMS. As a District, we are requesting families who are sharing housing due to economic hardship or similar reason (MVP) to verify the residence while their student is enrolled and attending school. This process does not override the Federal Law or definitions. Please contact the MVP office if you have any questions.

McKinney-Vento Voice

Homeless Education Technical Assistance Publication

Welcome AmeriCorps VISTA's

The MVP office would like to introduce several new full-time, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers who will be assisting in building the capacity of the program to better serve our students.

As the Community Resource Coordinator, <u>Shardy Camargo</u> is responsible for creating a system of access for students into free academic programs, enhancing clothing and food collaborations, assessing available resources, and strengthening services to unaccompanied homeless youth and helping them succeed in higher education.

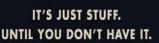
<u>Stacy Raymonville</u> will work on strengthening efforts to engage parents in the education of their children. Additionally, she will be developing relationships with new Partners in Education and designing new print materials and strengthen our online presence.

As a School Liaison, <u>Trenessa Williams</u> will evaluate the existing practices within schools as they relate to the McKinney-Vento Programs. She will work toward improving a District wide understanding about students experiencing homelessness through awareness campaigns.

These ladies may be contacting you for information or visiting your site as they work to improve our systems.

Your Input is requested for the 2014-2015 needs assessment from the MVP office. This information is vital to the continuous improvement of MVP services and to secure future funding. Please complete by Thursday, April 23. Click HERE.

Would you ever need help? If you lost your job, your home, or your savings? Play SPENT to see how you would do. Click on the picture below









As the MVP Coordinator at your school, please share this newsletter information with your staff. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the MVP program.

407-317-3485 Homeless.ocps.net

Funding Exhausted

The MVP office has had the pleasure of supporting the education of a great number of students experiencing homelessness through our service request process.

Unfortunately, we have exhausted all such service request funding for the remainder of the current school year.

We encourage you to look toward your school, school organizations, and community partners to ensure the full participation of students experiencing homelessness in school and school activities. School of origin transportation will continue as per federal law. We will also continue our advocacy in securing additional monetary support for the upcoming school year.

Homeless Student Count for 03/31/15: 6,329