Torrance Unified School District
Student Services
~Building Bridges~

Family Engagement
Specialized Student Populations:
Youth in Foster Care or Identified as Homeless

TUSD Building Bridges

★ The **identification** of homeless students in the school setting

★ Providing access to resources that **remove barriers** to academic success

★ **Partnerships** to provide services and resources to homeless students
Who We Serve: Educational Definition of Homeless

★ Students identified by the Student Residency Questionnaire
★ Students who are living in any nighttime residence that is not fixed, regular and adequate
  ○ Shelters, transitional housing, hotels/motels
  ○ Unsheltered (Car, park, etc.)
  ○ Inadequate housing (garage, trailer, porch, etc.)
  ○ Doubled up
★ Unaccompanied Youth
★ Teen Parents

Building Bridges 18 19: McKinney Vento Students In TUSD

★ Homeless-195 *227 cumulatively served throughout year
★ At least a hundred of the homeless students we saw last year had at least 4 years in TUSD.
★ 19% special education
★ 3.6% unaccompanied youth
**Obstacles/Challenges**

★ Homeless Definition not aligned

★ Resources
  - Funding for staff and resources
  - Limitations of housing services available for families
  - Housing costs and market in LA County

**TUSD Building Bridges: Program Services & Resources**
Program Highlights

★ Back to School, Holiday Events, Food giveaways, Project HOPE, RR

★ California Department of Education Grant for Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) 2018-2021
  ○ Allowed expansion of intern program
  ○ Hiring of BB Case Manager

★ Interns:
  ○ 2 calswec (foster interns)
  ○ 1 adult intern (to work with parents)

★ Parenting classes being hosted at school sites at the request of administrators

★ Building Bridges Collaborative- expanding partnership (MOU’s)

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