

HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY PROGRAM

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EQUITY IN EDUCATION – FROM RESEARCH TO ACTION

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If you came to our School/Housing Network Meeting back in February of this year you would have heard about some of the key findings of this year's K-12 Report.

Building Changes are proud to present further findings from that report in our Equity in Education - From Research to Action webinar on April 3rd at 12:30 and we would love to see you there! [Here is the Registration Link.](#)

Building Changes' K-12 report provides a comprehensive overview of the trends, characteristics, and academic outcomes of students experiencing homelessness in Washington state. By analyzing school-level data from OSPI, we provide detailed insights that are not typically available at the statewide level. This includes disaggregated data on specific student groups—such as graduation rates for students in doubled-up living situations—allowing for a more nuanced understanding of their experiences.

At Building Changes, we center racial equity in our work and recognize that homelessness disproportionately affects students of color. While public data sources provide general figures, they often fail to capture the complexities of students' experiences. Our report fills this gap by breaking down data across race, ethnicity, geography, grade level, and living situations. The needs of a Latine 10th-grader living unsheltered in a rural area differ significantly from those of an Alaskan Native first-grader in a doubled-up situation in a city. Without this level of detail, policymakers and educators risk overlooking the unique barriers students face. In our current political climate, protections for these students—and the data that highlight their struggles—are at risk. Transparent, disaggregated data is not just a collection of numbers; it is a lifeline that ensures students experiencing homelessness remain visible. By equipping school district administrators, educators, and policymakers with this information, we can better tailor services, allocate resources effectively, and drive equitable systems change to support students in achieving stability and academic success.



HSSP IS AT RISK!

Budget cuts threaten the Homeless Student Stability Program (HSSP), putting students at risk of losing critical housing and school support. Contact your legislators today and urge them to fully fund HSSP.

Then, share this message—your voice and network can help protect this vital program for students and families!

TAKE ACTION NOW

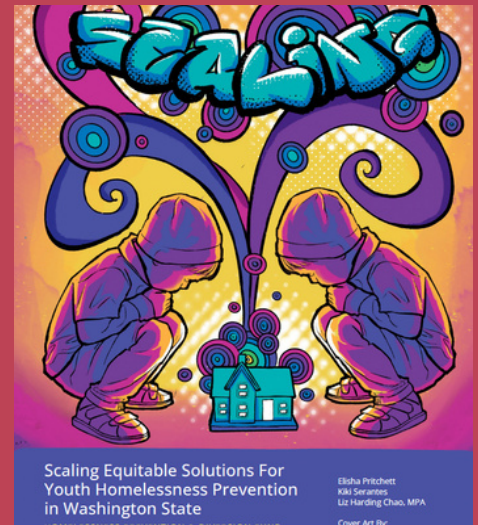
[Are you active on LinkedIn? Click here to join the HSSP Resource Sharing Group](#)

FUNDS TO HELP UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS

Youth Diversion Infrastructure Project (YDIP) and the Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Fund (HPDF) are two incredible funding sources supported by Building Changes that both Non-Profit Staff AND McKinney-Vento staff can access once they have completed the training.

Building Changes Staff Member Julius Henrichsen states "Both funds help individuals quickly secure permanent or temporary housing outside of the homeless Coordinated Entry system through creative brainstorming that identifies solutions to meet young people's unique needs. Pairing creative conversations about housing with a flexible funding source allows providers to even prevent homelessness altogether."

We will be holding a Diversion in Schools training on May 1st if you wish to learn more. HSSP Non-Profit partners can also connect with Julius at our Learning Circle on April 15th and you can always e-mail him your questions by clicking HERE.



Click on the incredible cover art to be taken to the recent Shultz Family Foundation recent report about HPDF.

SPRING SOCIAL IN SPOKANE

If you are based in the Spokane area or you will be travelling into town for the Community of Practice on April 17th, please consider joining us for Happy Hour on the evening of April 16th.

You can RSVP to the event by emailing Kyle Lane TODAY.

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Hosted By Building Changes

Mix and Mingle with Us!

APRIL 16TH 4PM-6PM

Twigs Bistro and Martini Bar

4320 S. Regal St

Spokane, WA 99223



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Equity in Education Webinar - April 3rd 12:30 - 1:30pm
- HSSP Grantee Learning Circle - April 15th 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Diversion Training - April 3rd & 4th (all day)
Ask Liam for more info!
- School/Housing Network - April 8th 11:00am - 12:00pm