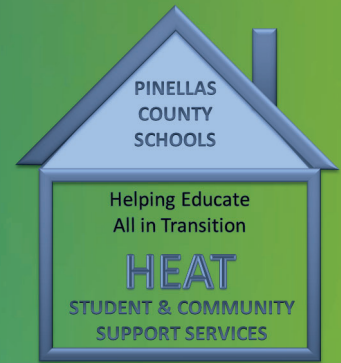




Pinellas County Schools HEAT Program

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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program was originally enacted in 1987 and reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Main themes:

- School access & stability- “One Child, One School, One Year”
- Delineates homeless students’ rights – equitable and quality
- Support for academic success – coordinated with Title I, Part A
- Establishes a multilevel infrastructure to support homeless students



The MVA Homeless Definitions

The McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless” as those individuals who:

- Lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence
- Share the housing of others due to financial hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds or substandard housing
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Living in a public or private place not designed for humans to live
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, etc.
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Migratory children living in above circumstances

Homeless Unaccompanied Youth

Youth who meet the definition of homeless and are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian



HEAT Services

HEAT provides *assistance with*:

- School selection – school of origin
- Immediate enrollment
- Verifies MVA status for transportation to the school of origin
- LIMITED temporary transportation (bus passes/gas card)
- Free meal benefits
- School supplies
- Limited help with gift cards, school supplies and backpacks
- Professional Development
- Presentations and representation at HLA/CoC
- Informing parents of their MVA rights



HEAT Services

HEAT provides:

Referral information to:

- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares
- Social Service Agencies
- Shelters
- Food pantries
- Clothes-2-Kids



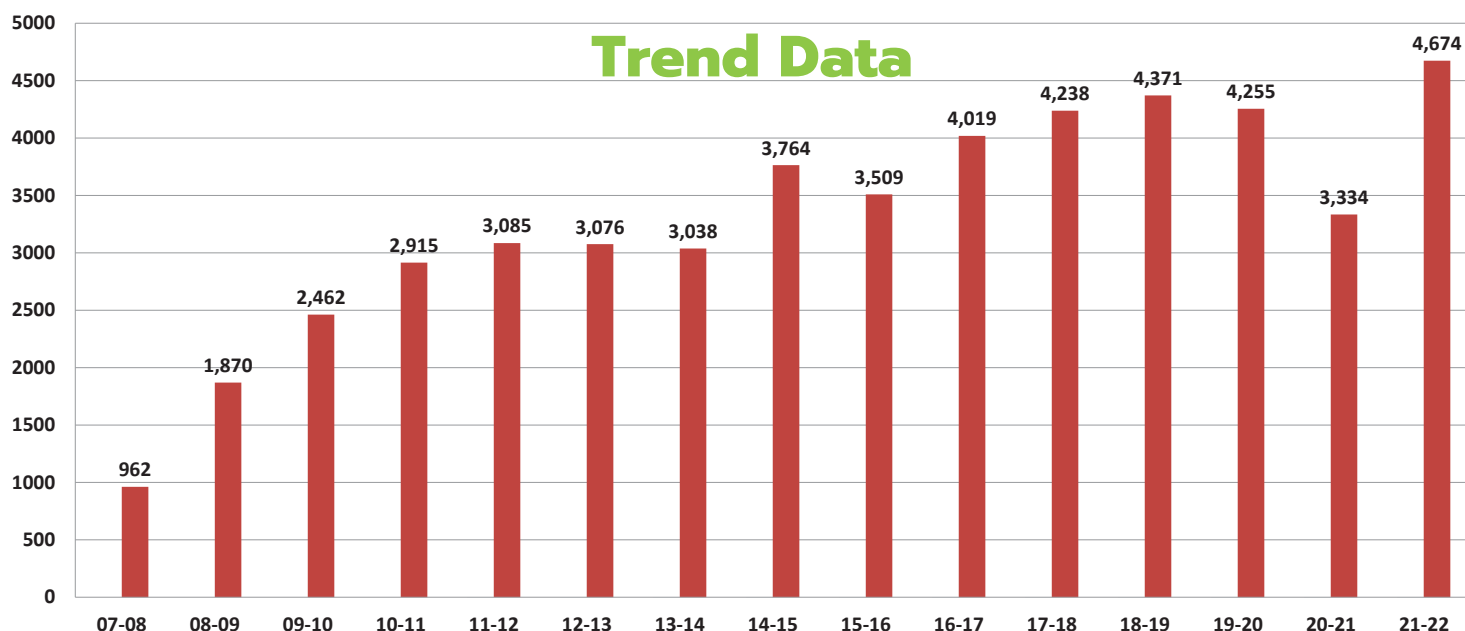
HEAT does NOT provide:

- Case Management
- Housing or rental funding
- Utility funding
- Bus pass/gas card if ineligible for PCS transportation



PCS Identified Homeless Students

Trend Data

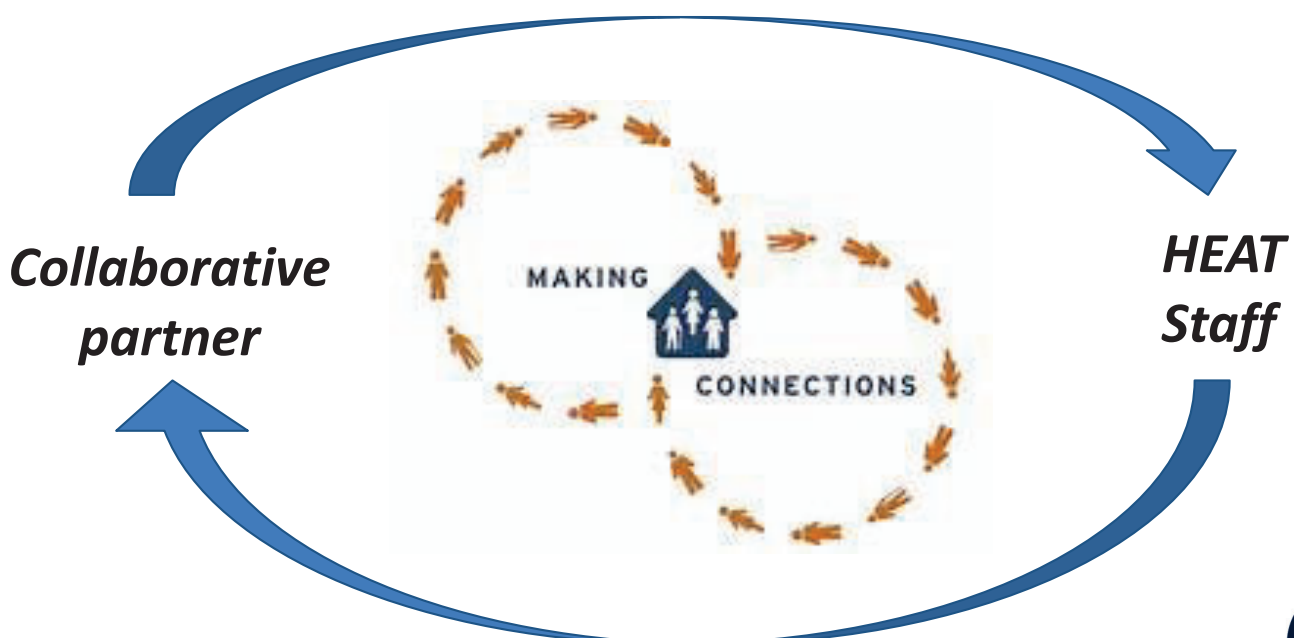


MVA Categories of Homelessness

- Shelter or transitional housing
- Hotel or motel
- Sharing the housing of others
- Public place



Collaborative Partnerships





Questions??

Thank You!!!