

Adelante Program

Overview

From August 2007-July 2008, we've identified and served 977 homeless students, children, and youth ages 0-21, and more referrals are arriving daily. They are living in the following situations:

- ❖ Children from families who double up with other families in tight living situations since they can't afford a place of their own
- ❖ Children staying in shelters due to domestic violence
- ❖ Teens or children staying in shelters, living in cars, camping, or "couch surfing" from one home to another due to: abuse, dangerous family situations, violence or threats due to identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; or other challenges
- ❖ Families or teens in transitional living programs
- ❖ Families living in substandard housing
- ❖ Children living with someone other than their parent/guardian
- ❖ Unaccompanied teens

Services

- ✓ School clothing, school supplies, and backpacks
- ✓ Free academic and English as a Second Language tutors at schools and shelters
- ✓ Referrals and linkages for mental health, housing, medical, and other social service needs
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Advocacy to ensure that students receive free lunch, access to field trips, quality after school care, and access to appropriate transportation to school
- ✓ Collaboration with other youth providers to provide seamless support for homeless youth
- ✓ Juntos Program, which includes free weekly dinners for homeless students' families from any school, food for the weekend, donations of books and clothing, a parent education component to promote family literacy, and art classes for the children.
- ✓ After School Program assistance
- ✓ Food Pantry
- ✓ YouthWorks Homeless Emergency Fund

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