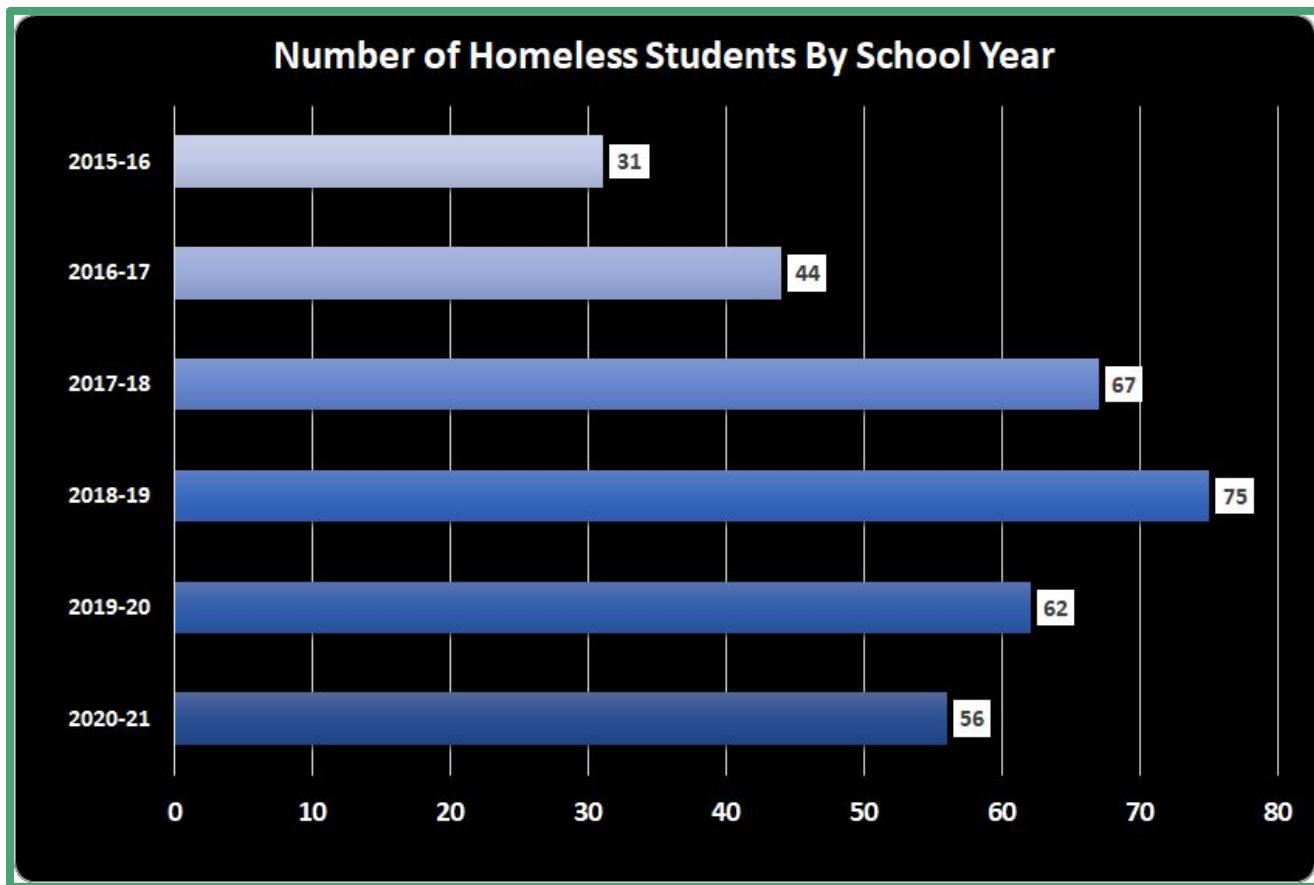


# WUSD Homeless Outreach

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2020-21 School Year

# Homelessness in Our School District



# Our Awesome Social Workers



***Dani Robb, MSSW, APSW***

Behavioral Social Worker at Whitewater Middle School



***Derek Pratt, BSW, CSW***

Social Worker at Lincoln and Washington Elementary

***Mary Geraghty, MSSW, LICSW***

Social Worker at Lakeview Elementary, Whitewater Middle School and Whitewater High School



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUTHS (EHCY) PROGRAM**  
**CFDA 84.196**



**SUBTITLE VII-B OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. 11431 ET SEQ.)**

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT**

1987	The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is signed into law, requiring states to review and revise policies to ensure the immediate school enrollment of homeless children and youth.
1990	The McKinney Act is amended, requiring states to eliminate enrollment barriers, and provide school access and support for academic success to students experiencing homelessness.
1994	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by the Improving America's Schools Act, adding preschool services, greater parental input, and a focus on interagency collaboration.
2002	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act, strengthening legal requirements, and requiring all school districts to appoint a local liaison.
2015	The education portion of the Act is reauthorized by Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act, expanding school of origin rights to include public preschools and receiving schools.

# What is Homelessness? (Defined by McKinney-Vento)

- A. lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence
- B. sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship
- C. living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds
- D. living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
- E. a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- F. living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- G. migratory children

# Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant

- \$35,000 per year for 3 years
- Two goals:
  1. By June 15, 2023, **50% of 3rd-8th grade students experiencing homelessness** will score “Proficient” on the Wisconsin FORWARD exam.
  2. By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, **75% of high school seniors experiencing homelessness** will attend college, technical school, military services or an apprentice program after graduation.

# Education Outreach Coordinator: Brianna Pope



Ms. Pope supports district students identified as homeless.

At middle school she provides academic and behavioral support during their guided study times, after school in the homework zone, and virtually.

At the high school, she supports academics and social emotional needs during study hall and via email. Additionally, she helps with post-secondary planning, as well as, other life skills such as studying for a driver's license and discovering career paths for the future.

Significantly, she communicates frequently with parents/guardians ensuring that all needs are being met at school and resources are provided at home if required.

# Family Emergency Fund

<https://sites.google.com/wwusd.org/whitewater-family-emergency/mission>

- Family Emergency Fund is funded 100% through donations
- Funds are used to directly benefit WUSD students and families, oftentimes preventing families from becoming homeless
- Due to COVID, some events which usually bring in donations were unable to take place, but we were very lucky to receive \$7,300 from United Way as part of a special one-time COVID relief fund aimed at homeless prevention





## Community Partners/Resources (Thank you to.....)

**BETHEL HOUSE OF  
WHITEWATER, INC.**



***Whitewater Food Pantry***

