

# **Chattooga County Schools**



## **Evaluation of the 2017-2018 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant**

## **OVERVIEW**

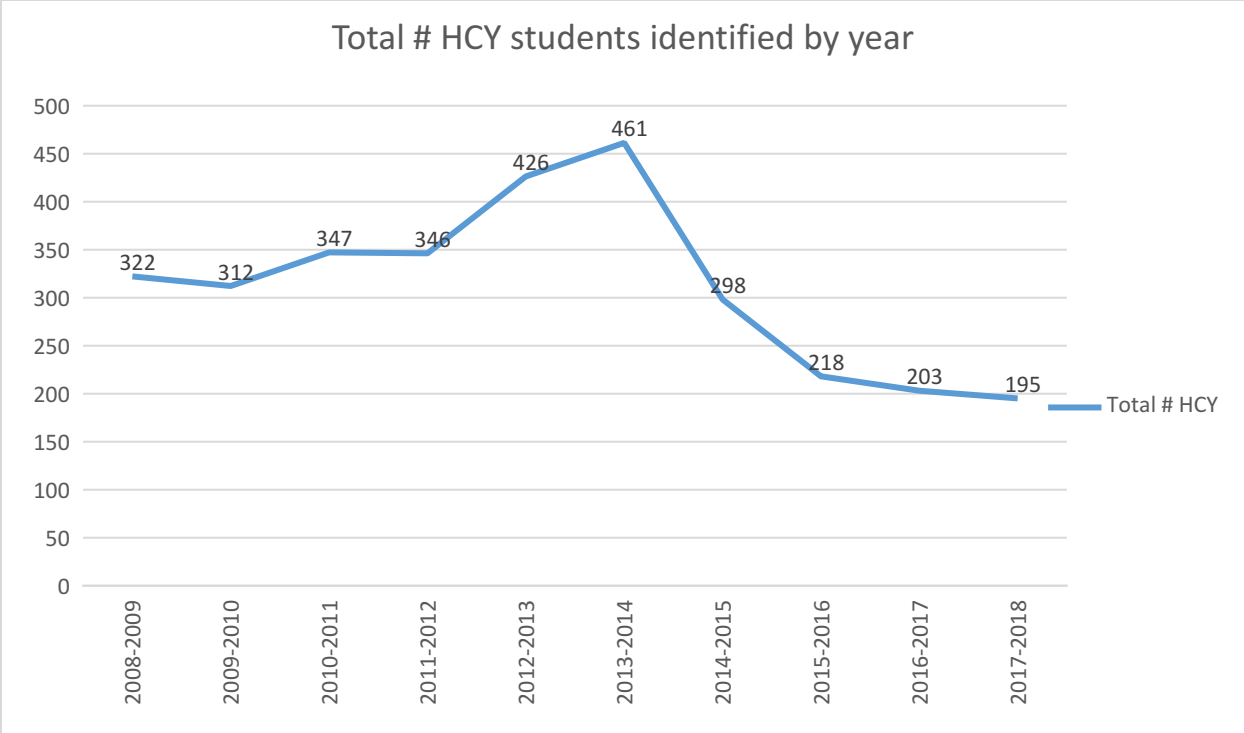
The McKinney-Vento Act defines and protects the rights of students in transition to enroll in, attend, and succeed in our public schools. Chattooga County Schools was approved by the State Board of Education for a grant cycle ending September 30, 2014. The Evaluation summarizes the assistance provided during the 2016-2017 grant cycle.

## **DEFINITION**

The McKinney-Vento Act provides educational services to any pre-school or school-aged student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term transient includes: Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason—“doubled up” Children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of alternative housing Living in emergency shelters or transitional shelters Abandoned in hospitals Awaiting foster care placement—temporary (approximately one year or less) Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings Migratory children described in the above situations Unaccompanied youth are youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

## **CHATTOOGA COUNTY NUMBERS**

- 2007-2008 identified 286 HCY (Homeless Children & Youth)
  - 2008-2009 identified 322 HCY
  - 2009-2010 identified 312 HCY
  - 2010-2011 identified 347 HCY
  - 2011-2012 identified 346 HCY
  - 2012-2013 identified 426 HCY
  - 2013-2014 identified 461 HCY
  - 2014-2015 identified 298 HCY
  - 2015-2016 identified 218 HCY
  - 2016-2017-identified 203 HCY
  - 2017-2018-identified 195 HCY



**EVALUATION**

The distribution of school and hygiene supplies continued to be most utilized service followed by emergency school clothing. School supplies and hygiene products helped 198 HCY participate in school activities and projects.

**SURVEY RESULTS**

A survey was created on Survey Monkey to survey Program Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, School Counselors, Parent Coordinators, School Nurses, and Teachers. Approximately 113 individuals participated. The top five needs rated in Chattooga County were school supplies, clothing assistance, hygiene supplies, individual counseling, and field trip assistance. A randomly selected group of 79 McKinney-Vento students completed a Student Survey to assess their own individual needs. The top five needs rated by students were school supplies, field trip assistance, after-school tutoring, hygiene products, and group counseling with other students. A group of 12 Family Connection representatives completed an anonymous community organization survey. The top needs rated were clothing assistance, school supplies, field trip assistance, individual counseling, hygiene products, transportation to school events, and club fees. Parent Surveys are sent to every family identified by the Homeless Liaison and enclosed with a letter and brochure. 27 surveys were returned. The top 5 needs rated were field trip assistance, school supplies, clothing assistance, athletic/club uniforms, and transportation to school activities.

**ASSISTANCE**

160 transient students received school supplies

100 transient students received hygiene products.

2 transient students received assistance to participate in band, sports, FFA, or Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

22 transient students received emergency clothing or athletic uniforms.

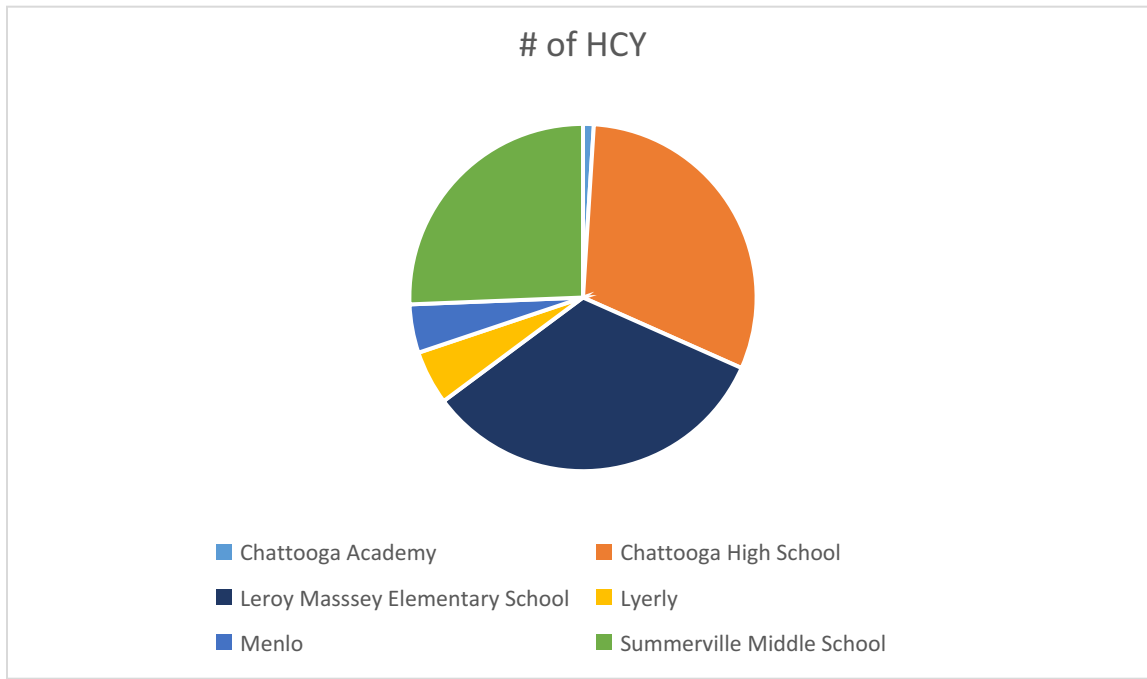
**COUNSELING SERVICES**

106 transient students were served consistently by School Counselors

3 transient students received individual counseling through Dr. Jennings at four schools.

**ATTENDANCE**

\_\_\_ Transient students had over 15 absences this school year. (This is %)



<b>School Name</b>	<b>Total HCY</b>	<b>Doubled-Up</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Shelter</b>	<b>Unsheltered</b>
Chattooga Academy	2	2	0	0	0
Chattooga High School	61	57	1	0	2
Leory Massey Elementary School	66	65	1	0	0
Lyerly	10	10	0	0	0
Menlo	9	9	0	0	0
Summerville Middle School	51	49	2	0	0
Pre-K	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

