

# Homeless Youth

Placerville Union School  
District

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# Who is Homeless?

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including those who:
  - Share housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship
  - Live in a motel, trailer park, or campground due to lack of alternative adequate housing
  - Live in emergency or transitional shelters
  - Await foster care placement
- Children living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus stations
- Unaccompanied youth – those not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

# Numbers in El Dorado County?

- March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009- 661 students identified
  - Placerville Union-117
- March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010- 580 students identified
  - Placerville Union-85
- November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010- 519 already identified
  - Placerville Union- 51

# What do we provide?

- Immediate enrollment
- Free food at school automatically
- Free transportation- door to door if needed across district boundaries, arrange bus times and stops
- Extra tutoring- Women's Fund Grant, El Dorado Community Foundation Grant
- School supplies- Stuff the Bus Fundraiser
- Socks and underwear- Soroptimist Grant
- Jackets- Stymeist Coat Drive
- Tree of Kindness- Federated Church
- Referrals to community resources

# Budget

- PUSD is in our 9<sup>th</sup> year of a State grant, we are the only District in the county with a State grant.
- The County Office of Education manages a State grant awarded to a consortium between the other 12 Districts allowing them to identify and serve kids.
- All grant monies have been cut at a Federal level about 60% in the last 3 years.

# Outcome of Program

- To identify and serve homeless students.
- To enroll and/or retain students in school, preferably in the school they were attending when they became homeless.
- Homeless students have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.

**THANK YOU!**