

## SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE I HOMELESS PROGRAM

### In 2006-2007

- 1295 children were identified as homeless in Saint Paul Public Schools under the McKinney/Vento definition of homeless
- 68% were African American, 11% were Hispanic, 10% were White, 7% were American Indian, 3% were Asian Pacific and 1% were unknown
- 42% of all homeless students were residing in districts outside of Saint Paul
- 822 were transported across district lines
- 117 unaccompanied youth were served

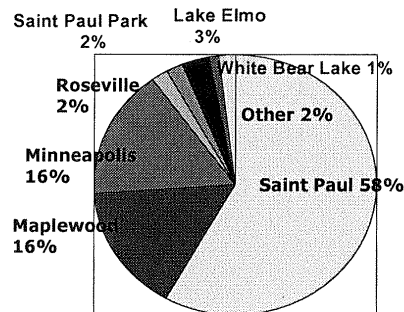
### Grade levels of students identified in Saint Paul Public Schools as homeless:

- Preschool 206 (16%)
- Kindergarten 125 (9.6%)
- Grades 1-5 482 (37%)
- Grades 6-8 281 (22%)
- Grades 9-12 246 (19%)

### Homelessness in our Community:

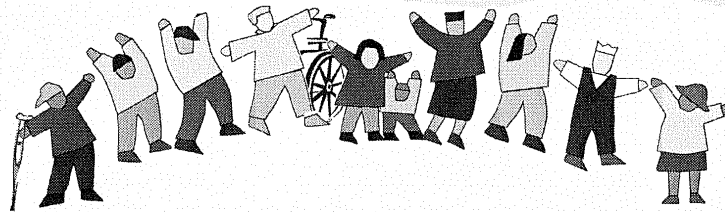
In Ramsey County, there are a very limited number of shelter beds. Because of this, many homeless families with children attending Saint Paul Public Schools live outside of the district. The graph indicates where our transportation department travels to so students can continue attending their home school.

### Where our students reside



### Services We Provide:

- On-site assistance with Saint Paul Public Schools enrollment and registration
- Transportation to enrollment and registration appointments
- Transportation to school of origin when possible
- Assistance with school supplies, school uniforms and community resources
- Evening Academic tutoring by highly-qualified teachers
- Individual and group support services
- Information and application assistance to pre-k students
- Assessment of family needs to advocate for special education services



## **HOMELESS and HIGHLY MOBILE STUDENTS**

### **Minneapolis Public Schools**

#### **During 2006-07:**

- 4,441 children and youth in Minneapolis were identified as homeless and highly mobile
  - 78% were current Minneapolis residents or were recent St. Paul or suburban residents; 22% were new to the city and region
  - 63% were African American; 7.3% Native American; 5.5% White; 2.8% Hispanic American; 6.4% Asian American, 15% unknown
- There was a daily average of more than 1,000 children and youth identified as homeless in Minneapolis
- Of all stays in shelters, 35% were at Mary's Place; 35% at People Serving People; 17% at St. Joseph's; 5% at domestic violence shelters; 1% and less at all other Minneapolis and metro area shelters
- School age children and youth current school: 78% Minneapolis Public Schools, 9% suburban districts; 5% St. Paul Public Schools; 4% charters; 5% other

#### **Grade levels of students identified in Minneapolis as homeless and highly mobile:**

- Preschool 1,205 (28.4%)
- Kindergarten 225 ( 5.1%)
- Grades 1-5 students: 1,267 (28.5%)
- Grades 6-8 students: 605 (14.6%)
- Grades 9-12 students: 937 (21.1%)
- 18 – 21 years 202 ( 4.5%)
  - 10.6% who were MPS students were English Language Learners (22.8% district average)
  - 23.5% who were MPS students had an existing IEP for Special Education services (16.4% district average)

#### **STRATEGIES:**

- information throughout school district to improve identification and services for homeless and highly mobile students, per McKinney Vento law
- immediate school registration, transportation, school records, school supplies per McKinney Vento law
- early childhood screening, ECFE classes at shelters, school transition activities with families staying in shelters and schools
- high school support teams at all MPS schools, including alternatives, for homeless and highly mobile students
- support to increase school attendance at K-5 and K-8 schools
- School Social Work demonstration project to develop a model of practice to support homeless and highly mobile students
- Research projects with U of MN Institute of Child Development and advocacy work with City of Minneapolis/Hennepin County/State of Minnesota