Impact of Homelessness on Education Outcome Disparities in Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Homeless Student Enrollment, 2003-2017

Academic Year

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Nighttime Residence, 2012-2017

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Impact of Homelessness on Education Outcomes:

- Experiencing homelessness commonly associated with negative school outcomes in areas such as:
  - Low Attendance Rates
  - Poor Grades and Achievement Scores
  - Social Stigmatization

Continuum of Risk

- Homeless students face a multitude of challenges with conditions of violence, family trauma, and general instability.
- Represent one extreme of a “Continuum of Risk”

Source: Masten et al.
Policy Interventions

Graduation Coaching Model
*Beloit School District*

- EHCY grant funded program since 2012
- Part-time Graduation Coach works with unaccompanied homeless youth in school district.
- Achieved 100 percent graduation rate in 2018

4K
*Madison Metropolitan School District*

- Report evaluated impact of 4K on young children experiencing homelessness in Madison

**Findings:**
- Twice as likely not to participate in MMSD 4K than more affluent peers
- Perform 1/3 Std. Dev. Worse on Kindergarten report card measures than children who eat FRL
- Parents viewed 4K as critical in stabilizing their child
Questions?