

San Francisco Unified & Hamilton Family Center*

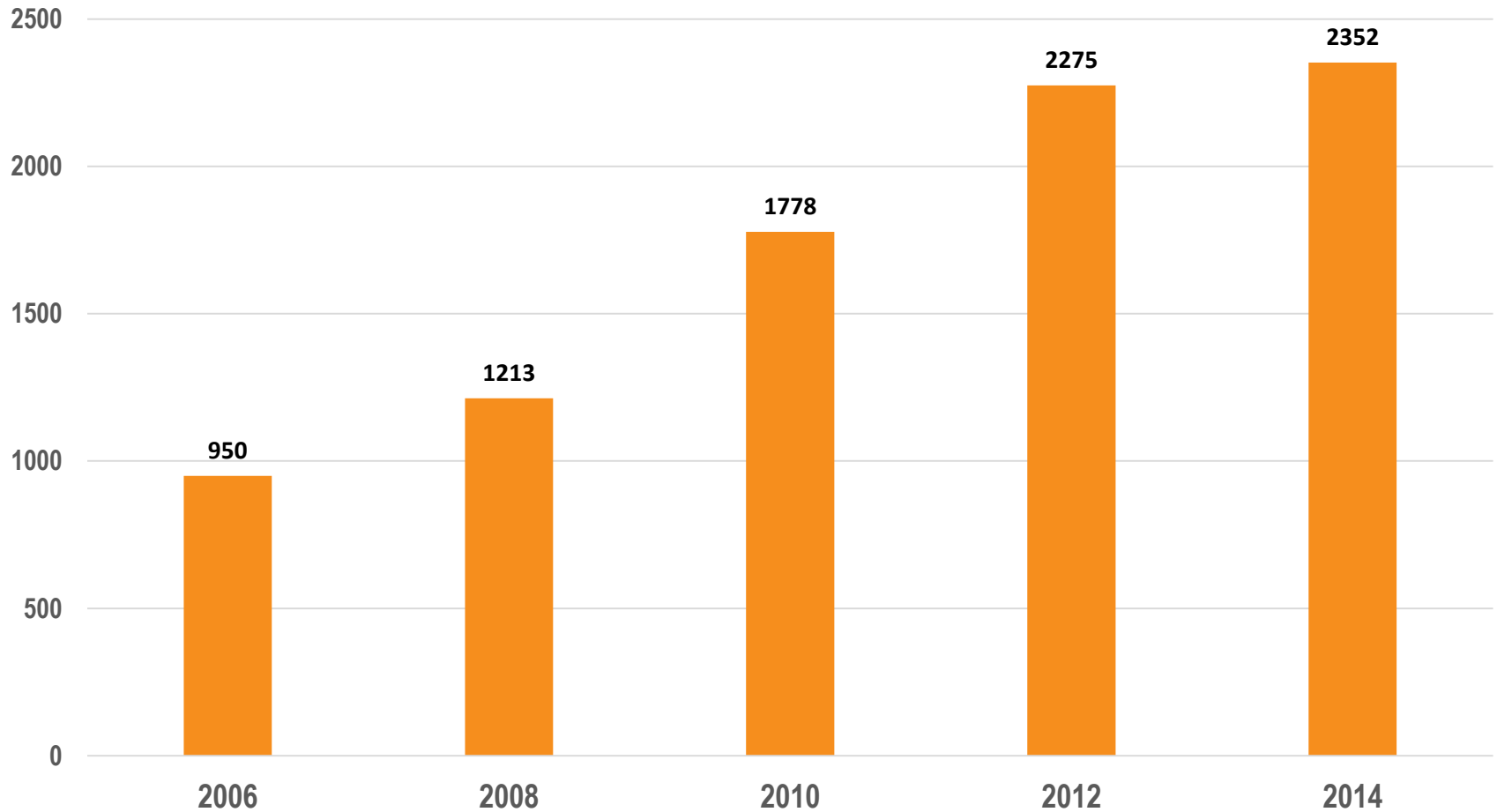


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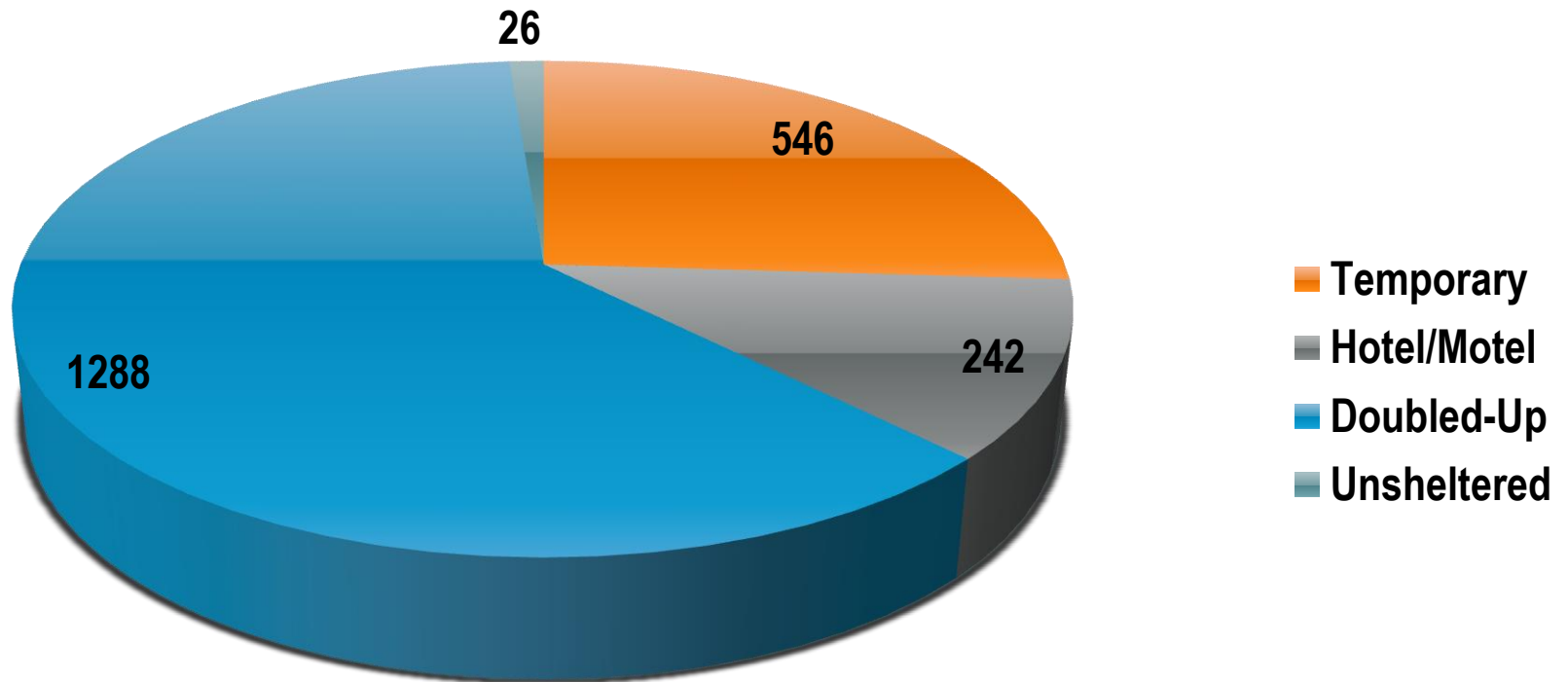
**Partnership Formalized in December 2014*

Homeless and Marginally Housed Students in SF



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**Number of Students
Fall 2014/15 SY N=2095**



Impact of Homelessness on Children

Children experiencing homelessness ...

- Are sick four times more often
- Go hungry at twice the rate of other children
- Have three times the rate of emotional issues
- Have an 83% chance of exposure to a violent event
- Are 4 times more likely to show delayed development
- Are likely to transfer schools at least once a year

SFUSD and HFC Partnership - SFUSD will:

- Contact HFC as soon as a family is identified as homeless or at-risk.
- Allow HFC access to school facilities for meetings with families as appropriate.
- Arrange for HFC to train school social workers, nurses, and counselors.
- Help HFC disseminate information to SFUSD staff and families.

SFUSD and HFC Partnership - HFC will:

- Send an HFC staff member to a school within 3 business days when SFUSD staff identify a family as homeless or at-risk of eviction.
- Provide eviction prevention services for up to 24 families referred by SFUSD each year.
- Provide rapid rehousing services for up to 48 families referred by SFUSD each year.
- Coordinate with SFUSD staff on how to best identify and assist families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

Identifying Homeless Students

Role Group	Indicators to Look For
Administrators and teachers	May notice if a student is suddenly falling behind in school; coming to school fatigued, hungry, or wearing the same clothes; hoarding belongings; or having uncharacteristic discipline problems.
Social workers, counselors, and nurses	May encounter students who are experiencing academic, behavior, health, or hygiene problems that may be related to homelessness.

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Secretaries and registrars	Often are the first people in a school to meet a family, child, or youth who may be experiencing homelessness when enrolling a student; they often see mailing addresses or multiple school enrollments that could indicate a homeless situation.
Cafeteria workers	May see a student who is not eating because he or she did not bring lunch or did not have money to buy lunch, seems inordinately hungry, is asking peers for food, is taking large portions, or hoarding food; may overhear or be told a student is homeless.

Outcomes of the Partnership

- **70+ calls from SFUSD staff to consult about homeless or at-risk families**
- **35 families referred by SFUSD staff to HFC**
 - > **12 families prevented evictions**
 - > **9 families re-housed**
 - > **12 families still searching**
 - > **2 families did not follow through**

Videos:

- <https://youtu.be/SaQYVx8TXBU> Identifying Homeless Students
- <https://youtu.be/jSZJBsozlel> Helping Families Facing Eviction
- <https://youtu.be/StUc1VIE3to> Assisting Families who are Homeless

Questions, Concerns or Comments?

