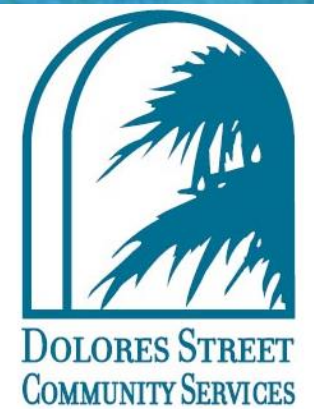


Hearing – Family & Newcomer Family Homelessness for Students in SFUSD



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Stay Over Program at Buena Vista Horace Mann Community School

- I. Scope of Family and Newcomer Family Homelessness
- II. Proposed Solutions





Stay Over Program Families

CURRENT SNAPSHOT -10 FAMILIES (42 Participants)

- Family 1: from Peru (6 members)
- Family 2: from Peru (4 members)
- Family 3: from Peru (2 members)
- Family 4: from Nicaragua (8 members)
- Family 5: from Nicaragua (4 members)
- Family 6: from Nicaragua (4 members)
- Family 7: from El Salvador (5 members)
- Family 8: from Guatemala (2 members)
- Family 9: from South African Family (4 members)
- Family 10: from Slovakian Family (3 members)



Push Factors in Family & New Comer Homelessness

- **1. EVICTIONS:** Families are being unlawfully evicted. Undocumented families are particularly vulnerable, often time do not have a lease and are opting for self-eviction out of fear that landlord will call ICE. Families living together in a multi-family household being evicted, either argument among families or landlord finds out they are breaking lease agreement and housing tenants not on the lease. Some of these families live out of their vehicles.
- **2. COVID:** Head of household or multiple members of the household lost their job. Single parent or one of the parents had to stay home to care for children during the pandemic. Unable to make rent and were evicted. Many have not been able to secure employment.



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- **3. RELOCATING TO SF FOR JOBS:** Families are relocating from other parts of CA (Central Valley and rural communities). Families are also coming from out of state (North Carolina, Iowa). These families are living in their vehicles.
- **4. NEW COMER:** Newly arrived migrant families are arriving with their suitcases in hand. Some of the families paid smugglers, known as “coyotes” a substantial amount of money. Some were promised host families and jobs. Some have just been released from Detention Centers. Families are reporting sleeping on BART or in public parks.



Push Factors in Family & New Comer Homelessness

- **5. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS:** Families leaving a domestic violence situation. Most of our families have had a history of DV.



3 Stages of Trauma

- I. Pre-Migration Trauma
- II. Trauma During Migration
- III. Post-Migration: Resettlement & Acculturation



Proposed Solutions

- Increase HSH budget amount for addressing Family & New Comer Homelessness
- Have all city departments track and report on services provided to unhoused families. What percentage of each department's budget serves unhoused children, youth and their parents/caregivers?
- Create a Newcomer Welcome Center w/wrap around services
- Create a Newcomer Family FRC with wraparound services: shelter, immigration legal services, intense case management, family mental health services, health center, dental services, social services (register families for Medical), ESL classes, Parenting Education (Triple P), childcare services
- Asylee Legal Empowerment Project (ALEP) – A legal education and empowerment program for Newcomers.