

A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness Arkansas



TOTAL CHILDREN
POPULATION UNDER 6
in 2013:

231,474¹

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6
IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:

11,069²

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS:

1 in 21 CHILDREN



NUMBER OF CHILDREN
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
SERVED BY PROGRAMS

Head Start and Early Head Start **608³**
(Total Cumulative Enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start **12,423**)

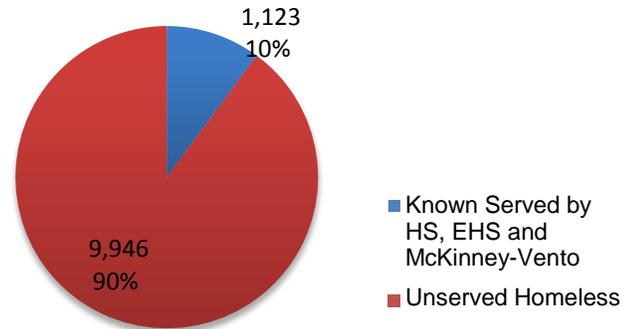
EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) **515⁴**

Child Care Development Fund **Available in 2017**

HUD Homelessness Early Childhood data by State (HMIS)
Not Available by State

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting **Planning for 2017**

CHILDREN IN EARLY
LEARNING PROGRAMS



STATE STATISTICS &
STATE EFFORTS

- No children receive meals in emergency shelters through (CACFP/USDA).
- More than 28 percent of children 18 and under lived in households that lacked access to adequate food in 2013 (Children's Defense Fund).
- More than one in three children (33.5 percent) under 6 years old lived below the Federal Poverty Level in 2013.
- In the reauthorization of Head Start by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-134), age-eligible children whose families are determined to be homeless are categorically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Arkansas has 552 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand necessary assistance to homeless children.
- U.S. Housing and Urban Development awarded \$4.9 million to support 31 local homeless housing and service programs in Arkansas in 2015.
- Arkansas has Medicaid expansion and a separate program. Current Medicaid covers children under 6 years old up to 211 percent of Federal Poverty Level (CMS).



¹ United States Census Bureau/American FactFinder, "B17024: AGE BY RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS," 2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Office, 2013.

² Bassuk, et al., "America's Youngest Outcasts: A Report Card on Child Homelessness," The National Center on Family Homelessness, 2013. Published in November 2014.

³ Department of Health and Human Services, "Program Information Report Data 2013", Office of Head Start, Administration of Children and Families, 2014.

⁴ Department of Education, "Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program School Years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013 Consolidated State Performance Report," National Center for Homeless Education, 2013.