A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness
District of Columbia

TOTAL CHILDREN POPULATION UNDER 6 in 2013:

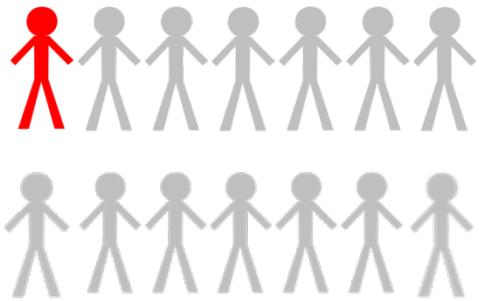
47,320[1]

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:

3,318[2]

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

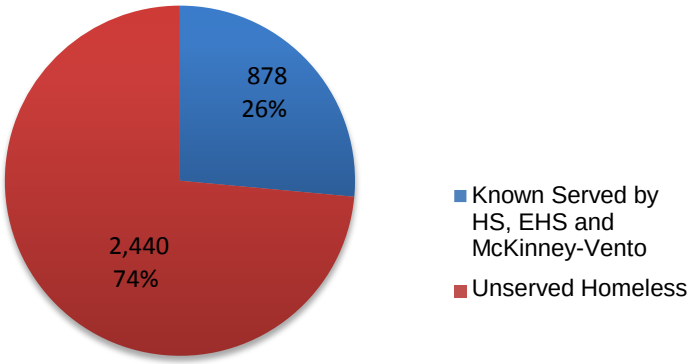
1 in 14 CHILDREN



NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SERVED BY PROGRAMS

Head Start and Early Head Start	**247**[3]
(Total Cumulative Enrollment in Head Start/Early Head Start	**3,715)**
EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)	**631**[4]
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).
- Nearly 31 percent of children 18 and under lived in households that lacked access to adequate food in 2013 (Children's Defense Fund).
- Nearly one in four children (24.3 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. District of Columbia has 200 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand necessary assistance to homeless children.
- District of Columbia has expanded Medicaid. Current Medicaid covers children up to 319 percent of Federal Poverty Level (CMS).

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