A Look at Early Childhood Homelessness
Delaware

TOTAL CHILDREN POPULATION UNDER 6 in 2013:
68,360

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 IDENTIFIED as HOMELESS:
3,977

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:
1 in 17 CHILDREN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SERVED BY PROGRAMS

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Known Served</th>
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<td>Head Start and Early Head Start</td>
<td>3,883</td>
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<td>EHCY (McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)</td>
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STATE STATISTICS & STATE EFFORTS

- Average number of children 18 and under who receive meals in emergency shelters daily is 36 (CACFP/USDA).
- Nearly 20 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 five children (21.4 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. Delaware has 72 Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Expansion (EHS-CCP) slots that could expand necessary assistance to homeless children.
- The Delaware Interagency Council on Homelessness developed policies and procedures to ensure seamless access and engagement to educational services for homeless children of all ages in 2013.
- Delaware has a combination of Medicaid expansion and a separate program. Current Medicaid covers children age birth to 1 years old up to 212 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and children age 1 to 5 years old up to 142 percent of FPL. Children's Health Insurance Program covers children up to 212 percent of FPL (CMS).