



About A Child's Place

A Child's Place works to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education.

There are nearly 5,000 students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools who qualify as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act.



Families experiencing homelessness are economically and educationally at risk.

- 100% of the children we serve qualify for free and reduced meals through the public school system
- 100% of families report incomes below the federal poverty level
- The median monthly household income of ACP families is \$800
- When compared to other youth, children who are homeless obtain lower academic achievement scores, attend school at lower rates and are at risk for behavioral and health problems

In **2018-2019, ACP served 1,751 children and adults** through their School-Based and Community-Response Team Programs and even more through the pilot AIR support and shelter programming services.

- 100% of students attend Title I schools
- 95% of the families served are led by single-female heads-of-households

ACP intentionally approaches these needs through a two-generational model by working with both the child(ren) and their caregiver to elevate the value of education within the entire family. We deploy a team of credentialed experts who are specialized to work with the unique challenges of homelessness. This two-general holistic support is offered through two models:

School-Based Model, which consists of 15 partner schools, deploys either an expert ACP Social Worker or Student Advocate to work on site in CMS to intervene at the point of crisis, quickly connecting children and families to needed resources, services, and ongoing case-management.

Community-Based Model, which encompasses four unique programs, extends our reach further into CMS and the community. This program increases access and opportunity to homeless families creating lasting change across the system.

ACP's ongoing strategy is to create systemic change within Mecklenburg County by serving as a voice and advocate for students experiencing homelessness. Our hope is that bringing attention to this marginalized, invisible population will affect lasting change across the system in the areas of homelessness and housing.

Check out our website to find more ways you can get involved: www.achildsplace.org

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