



HEART

Broward County



Public Schools

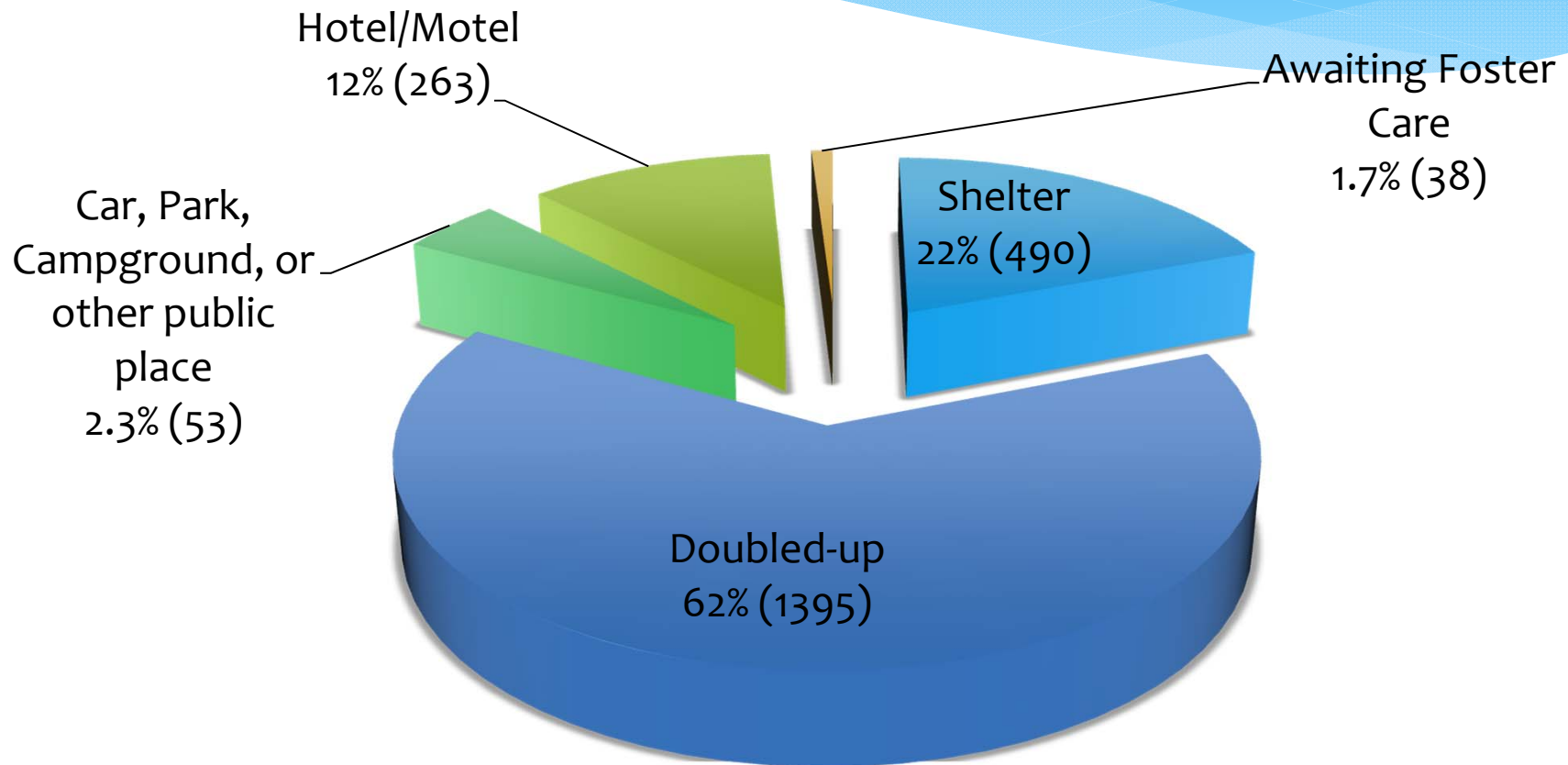
**Helping Students Living in Transition to Enroll, Attend and
Succeed in School**

Location:

Lauderdale Manors Early Learning & Family Resource Center 1400 NW
14th Court, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33313
(Building 3, Room 313)

SY 14-15 Student Population: 265,401

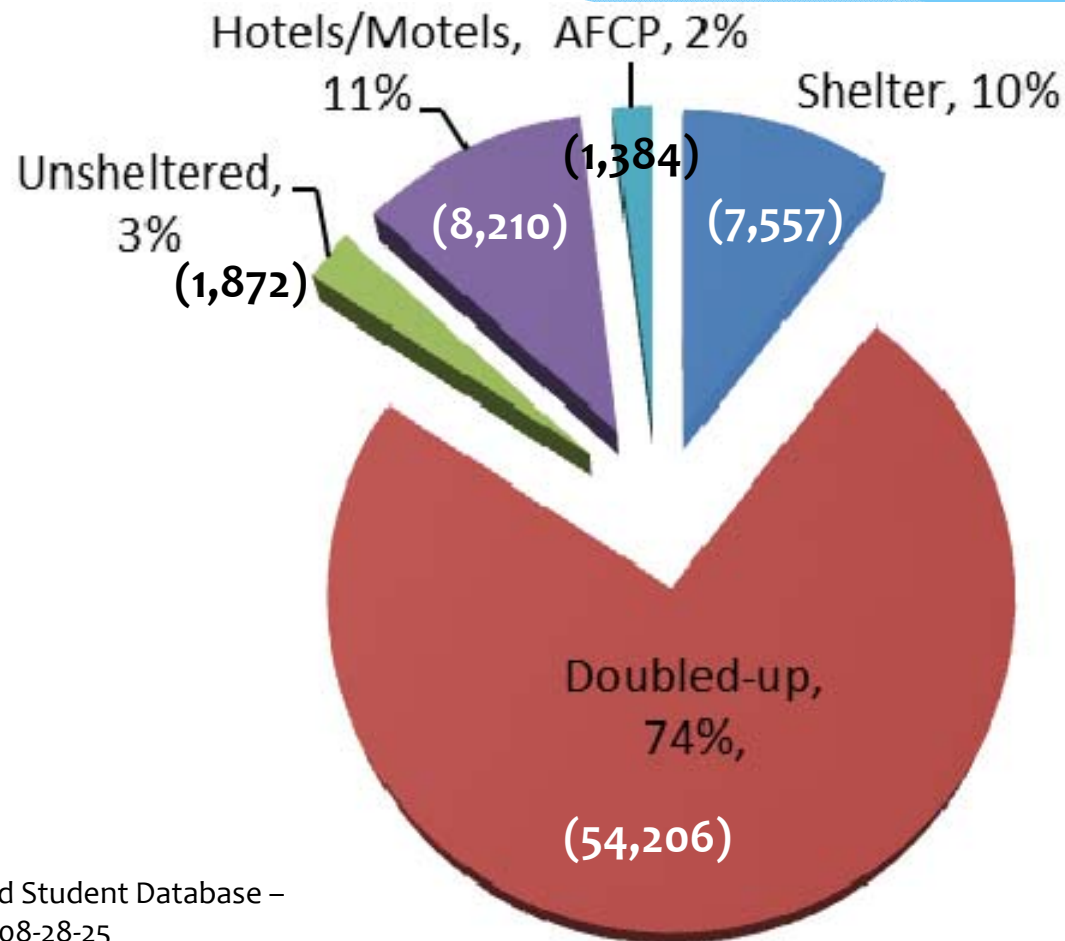
2,239 students (1%) were homeless



FDOE Survey 5 State Data

SY 14-15 Student Population 2,997,196

73,229 students (3%) were homeless



Source: FDOE Automated Student Database –
2014-2015 Survey 5 as of 08-28-25

Capacity Building via Internal Partnerships

- ✓ Social Work – Access to Food and Clothing Banks
- ✓ Family Counseling – Access to individual & family counseling
- ✓ Title I – set aside & shared position
- ✓ Migrant Services – shared information
- ✓ Comprehensive School Health – Food Pantry
- ✓ Early Head Start / Head Start – shared data
- ✓ ESOL – Immigration
- ✓ Literacy – Resources & i-Ready implementation (ArtReach)
- ✓ Math, Science & Gifted – Resources & curriculum (ArtReach)
- ✓ Information and Technology
- ✓ Future Educators of America / Student2Student / NHS

Capacity Building via External Partnerships

- ✓ Project Help, Inc.
- ✓ Young at Art Museum – ArtReach Collaboration
- ✓ Broward Education Foundation – Crowd Funding Campaign
- ✓ Amerigas
- ✓ Huelett
- ✓ Fort Lauderdale Sailing Club
- ✓ Maus & Associates
- ✓ Universal Cabling
- ✓ LifeNet4Families – Scholarship Opportunity
- ✓ Institutions of Higher Learning: BC, FAU, FIU & MDC
- ✓ Neighbors for Neighbors (CBS4)
- ✓ Hard Rock Café
- ✓ Kiwanis Clubs
- ✓ Bella's Kinship Group

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) are ...

- Youth who do not reside with a parent or legal guardian AND lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence
- They may be:
 - Awaiting foster care placement; sharing housing (“doubled-up” or “couch surfing”); living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camp grounds, emergency or transitional shelter, in a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train stations or other places not intended for human habitation.
- Reasons for Homelessness vary:
 - Loss of income; family turmoil, e.g. volatile parent-child relationships; domestic violence; sexual orientation; deceased parents; incarcerated parents; parents returned to country of origin leaving student behind
- SY 14-15: **406 UHY** (18% of total BCPS homeless population)

ArtReach

After School Care (ASC) Support

- Established 11 years ago in 2004
- Co-administered by Young At Art Museum & HEART
- No Cost Application Process
- Serves up to 60 children K-8
- Mon-Fri: 2:30 – 6pm
- Transportation

Students Receive:

- Homework assistance, art lessons, warm meal & snacks, up to 4 field trips, holiday activities and art showcase opportunities
- SY 15-16: i-Ready being implemented for the very first time

College Attainment Efforts

- **April 4, 2015** - First ever HEART College Tour to Fl. West Coast
 - 5 Seniors accepted to Florida Southwestern State College
- **July 21, 2015** - Region 5 Meeting:
 - State Homeless Education Director; Broward, Palm Beach and Miami Liaisons and FAU, BC, FIU & MDC
 - Direct Contacts established
- **July 29, 2015** – Letter issued by the United States Department of Education – Office of Postsecondary education clarifying institutions and applicants’ roles and responsibilities RE: Title IV dependency determinations for unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY).

*Careful UHY determinations = access to college tuition waivers and financial aid via the FAFSA!

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Thank You!

