

School Nursing Beyond Boundaries

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According to the the U.S. Conference of Mayors 2013 Status Report on Hunger & Homelessness



The nation's official poverty rate in 2013 was 15.0 %, with 46.5 million people living in poverty.

Homelessness often begins with illness and escalates to problems with money, unemployment and housing.



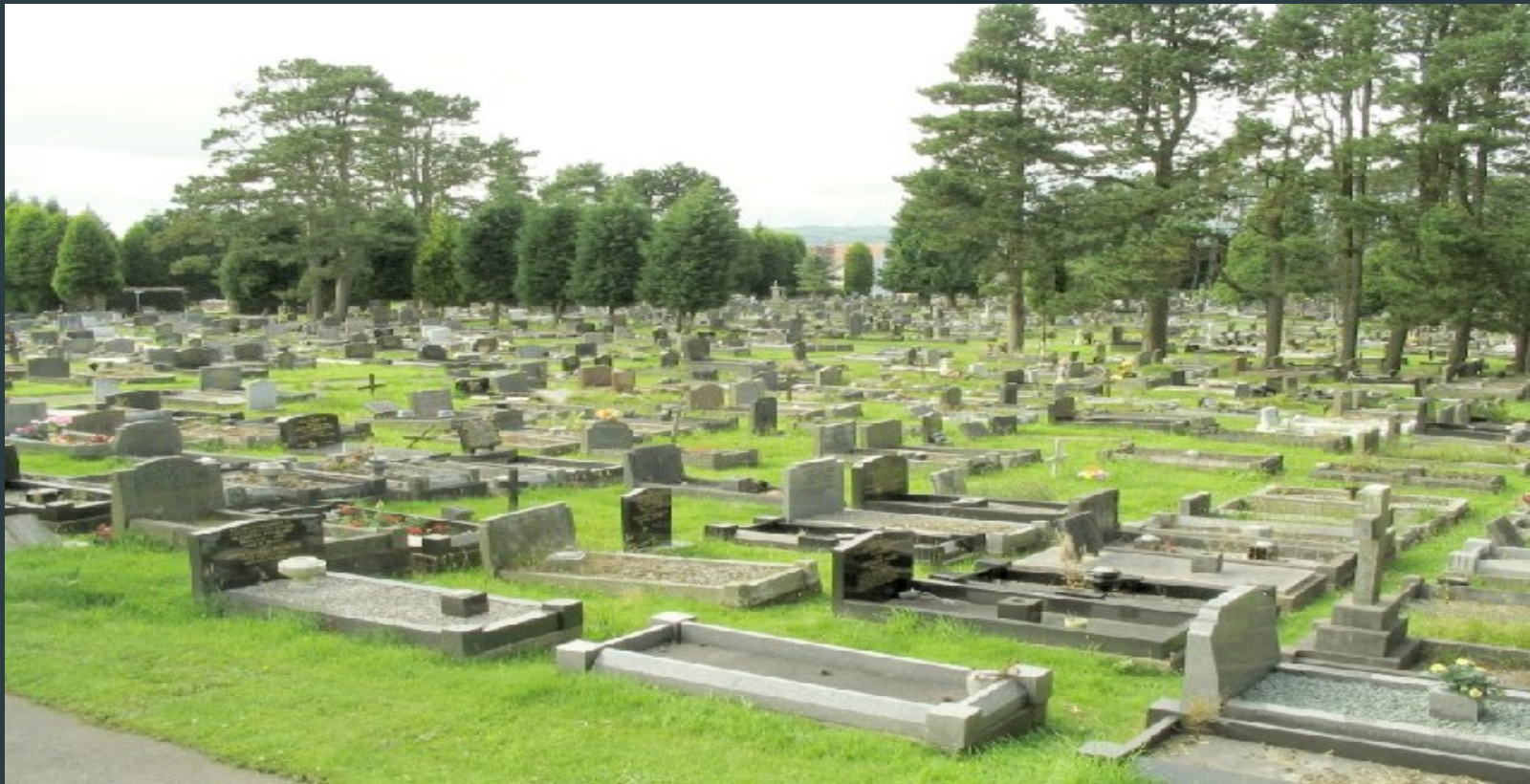
Health problems cause 62% of personal bankruptcies in the US.

A Mother and Daughter dilemma



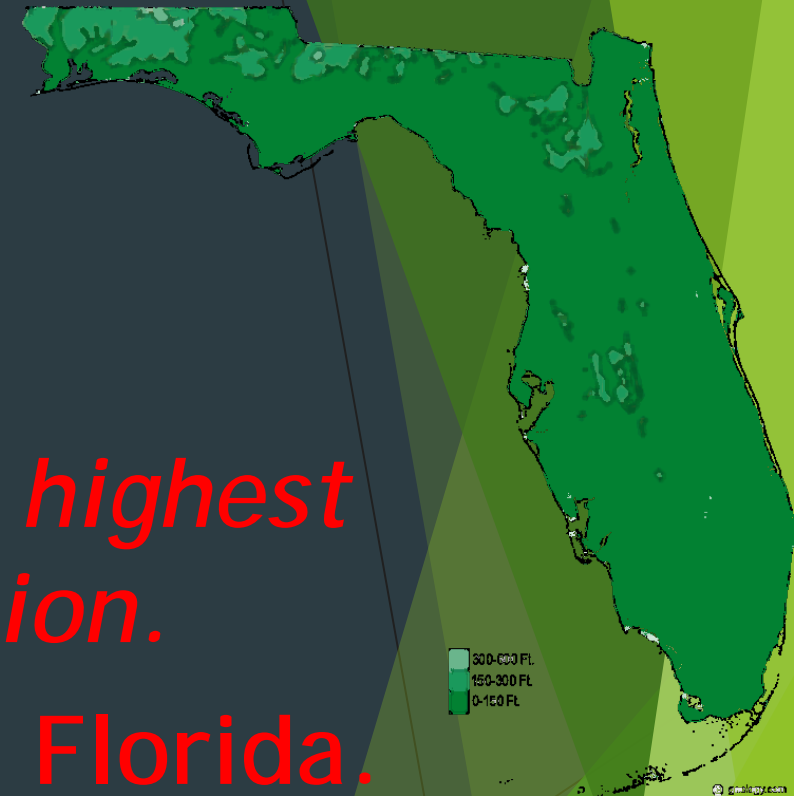
Making Progress....

People experiencing homelessness die an average of **30 years** earlier than housed individuals.



Florida Data on Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth

Florida continues to have the third highest rate of homelessness in the nation.
8.7% of the nations homeless live in Florida.



According to the 2012 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, Volume 1 issued by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development:

Who are they?

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence:

- ▶ Living in a public or private place not designed for humans to live
- ▶ Awaiting foster care placement and migratory children living in above circumstances



Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, etc.



Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason



Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds, emergency or transitional shelter due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations



Unaccompanied: children and youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

**KICKED
OUT**



In Florida during 2014 there were:

41,335 homeless individuals &
21,148 homeless families with children in Florida

FL DOE reports in Florida there are:

5,794 Unaccompanied, Homeless Youth &
70,215 Homeless Students

In Santa Rosa County, FL:

2014-2015	1778	Homeless Students
	78	Unaccompanied Youth



(as reported by the 2013 HUD Point in Time Count statewide data and 2011-2012 Florida Department of Education counts of homeless students, the Shimberg Center on Housing Studies reports)

(Source: Florida Department of Education, 2012-2013 Survey 5)

1,778 HOMELESS
STUDENTS

1,812 School Nurse
Service Hours

Assessing the issue

In 2012-2013 school year at the time of the school nursing position was needed

- ▶ 1650+ Homeless students were identified
- ▶ 140 unaccompanied youth across 34 school campuses
- ▶ Significant issue with these students was **ATTENDANCE**



So where could we find resources? Funding this new concept



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Title I Part A Homeless Set Aside \$\$\$ and
Title X grant for Homeless Children and Youth

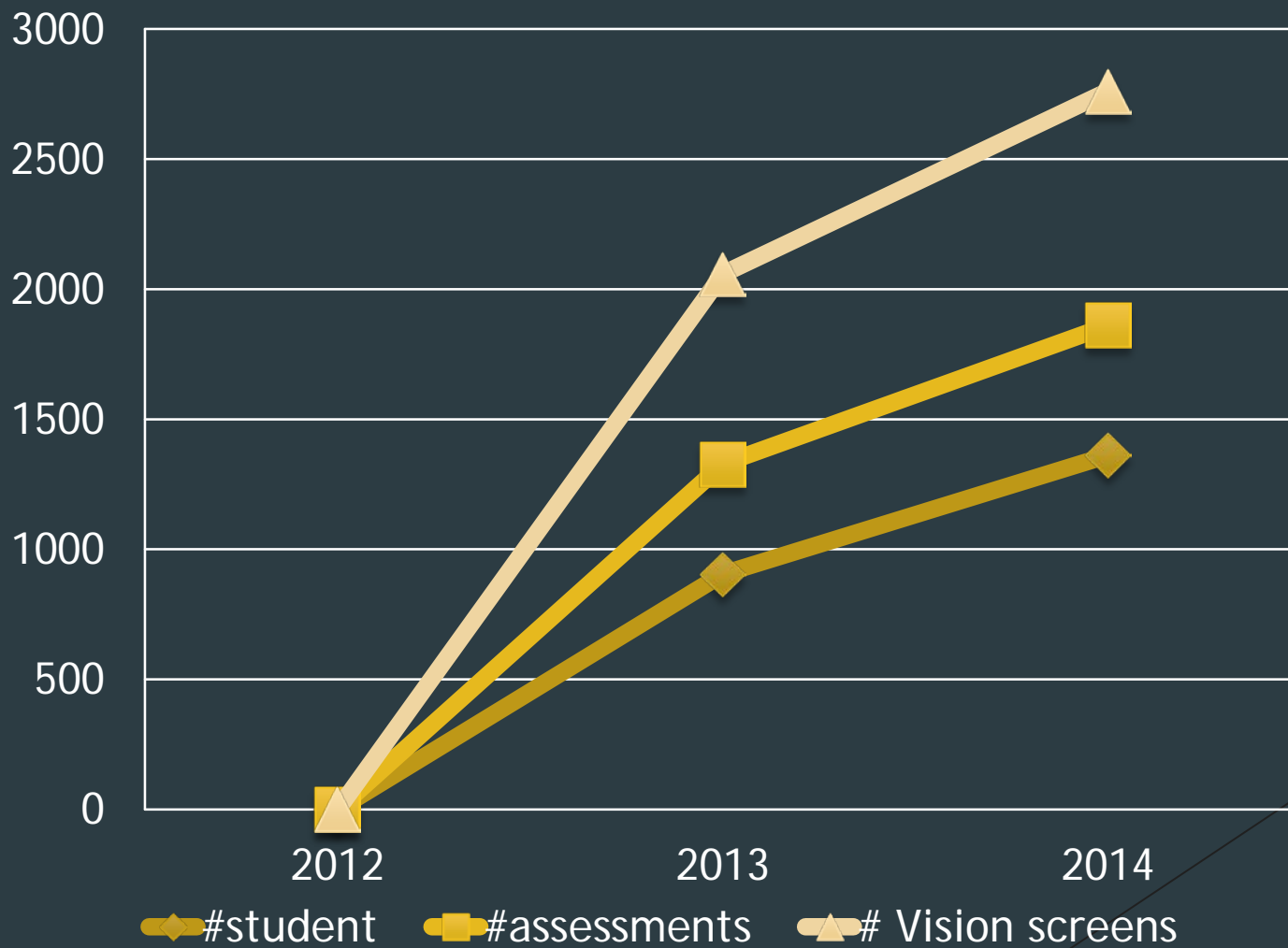
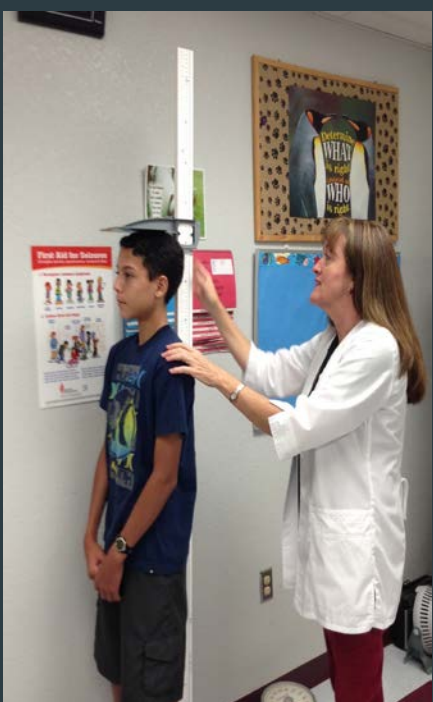
Youth growing up in homelessness or low socioeconomic circumstances are at a critical time for learning life sustaining habits for health and well being.

The School Nurse can advocate for homeless and disadvantaged youth within the school environment as well as their families while serving as a connection to the community resources.



The School nurse knows her schools and her students

School Nursing Beyond Boundaries- *Providing Supplemental School Nursing Services to a population in need*



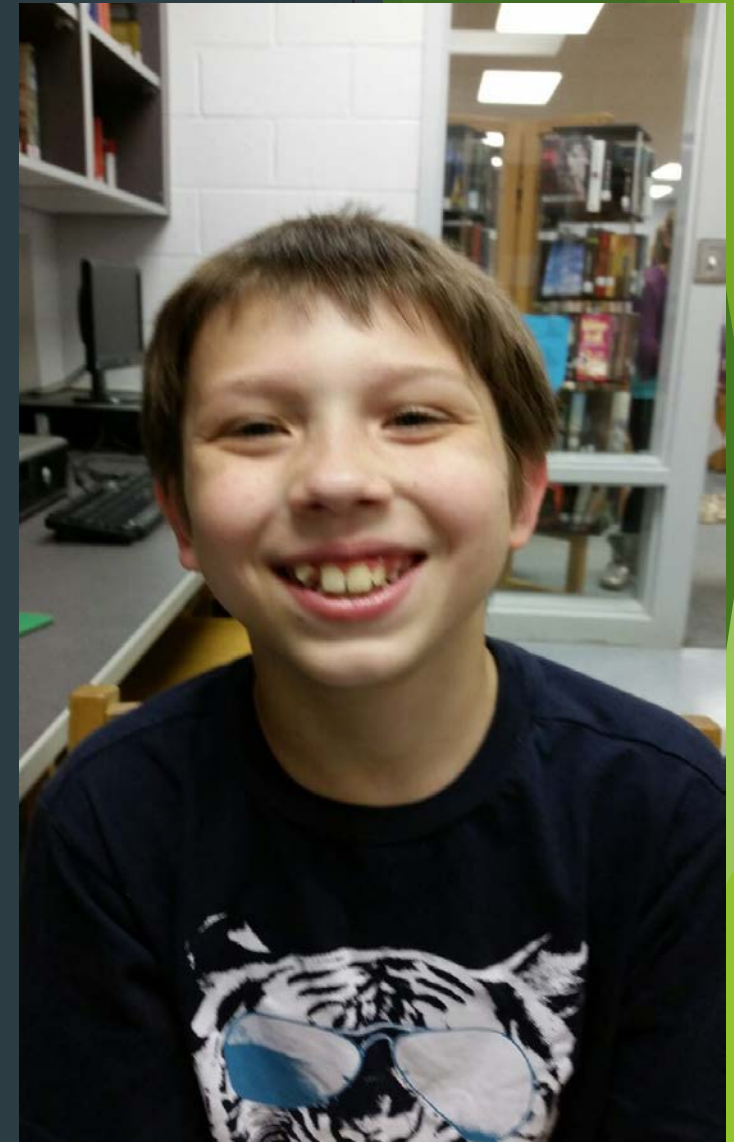
Establishing a New Program

- ▶ Program assessment
- ▶ Resource contacts
- ▶ Procedure definition
- ▶ Documentation methods



Stories from the field- Case Management

- ▶ Diabetes care
Timmy



Local providers helped with many things:



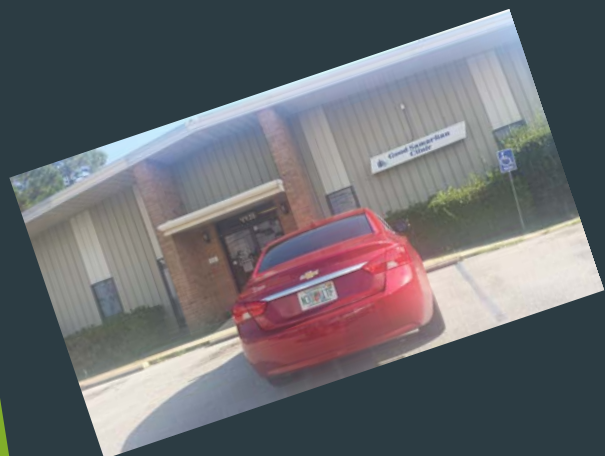
- ▶ Dental care
- ▶ Vision services
- ▶ Health supplies
- ▶ Medications
- ▶ Food-Back Packs
- ▶ First Aid kits for Seniors



If you don't ask, you can't get a "yes" or a "no"

So, we ask....

Community Partners do so much



Lessons Learned:

- ▶ 1. Documentation is vital
- ▶ 2. Change is challenging
- ▶ 3. Celebrate every success
- ▶ 4. Lack of transportation is a HUGE barrier
- ▶ 5. Staffing patterns-
1 RN:34 schools → 7 RN's:34 schools

We are not alone in this journey....

If not us.... Then who??



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