

## PUSD Homeless Newsletter

### Dental and Eye Exams

Remember that if your children are on AHCCCS they are entitled to **free yearly Dental and Eye Exams**. Please take advantage of these services offered to your children up to 20 years old.

### Dental Exams and Cleanings

Three Point Dentistry takes all the insurances under AHCCCS. Phone # is 472-2500

Premier Dental Care accepts Insurance from AHCCCS Phone # 472-8400

**For those without dental insurance** we do refer students with severe dental pain through the school's Health Aides, to the Kiwanis Young Professionals who provide dental help to those students.

### Eye exams

Payson Eye Care takes AHCCCS insurance, Phone # 474-3297

### Did you ever wonder how school districts define homelessness?

We follow the McKinney-Vento Act, which defines homelessness as not having a REGULAR, ADEQUATE OR FIXED place to sleep. Think of:

- Two or more families living together in one home out of need.
- A student couch-surfing at her friends' homes because she doesn't have a home of her own.
- A family living in an RV too small to have beds for all members.
- Sleeping in a car, in an abandoned building, in the forest and many more places or shelters that if desperate enough, would be found as a place to sleep.

The McKinney-Vento tells us to assist the families that have indicated in the Residency Survey that they do not live in a FIXED REGULAR or ADEQUATE place by checking one of the answers provided. In the Residency Survey we also have a list of needs the family might have, and based on what they check we can refer them to the appropriate organization, including providing transportation if needed.

Unfortunately, we only hand out this form once a year and a lot can change in a short time from bad to worse, or bad to better, so stay in touch with your schools. Please keep your phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts updated; there has been too many times we find out that a family is in trouble when the student begins missing school, not returning homework, or shows signs of change in behavior, and when we attempt to call the family, the phone numbers and addresses are no longer current. If you need assistance or know of someone who does please contact:

**Allic Bales at (928) 951-3908 or (928) 363-1077**