

Children and Poverty in the Public School System

This session will explore issues of student poverty and homelessness in local public schools. The effects of poverty and homelessness on students, including student achievement will be discussed. Resources for school staff and administrators will be presented as well as an overview of trauma-informed care. Additionally a program overview of 'Just Neighbors' will be given, a national poverty education course now being implemented as professional development in the Bozeman School District and other Montana school districts.

This presentation will assist administrators, teachers, and other school personnel in developing skills to assist students in poverty and situations of homelessness in school achievement. Through a better understanding of these issues and how they affect students, staff will be better equipped to assist students in achieving at high levels.