

## HOPE Learning Centers Updates

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the processes the partners are utilizing to recruit and enroll students, enrollment to date and expected challenges the collaborative is experiencing and still working through.

Per our agreement with the County and the City for funding, partners are prioritizing supporting students who:

1. Are experiencing houselessness or transitional housing
2. Qualify for free or reduced lunch
3. Have parents who work in essential jobs and aren't able to have childcare at home during the day (food industry, custodial staff, healthcare)
4. Have parents who have become unemployed due to COVID
5. Are part of the foster care system
6. Live in Durham Housing Authority [Housing](#)

In order to reach our maximum capacity of 338 seats, the partners have:

1. Created online enrollment systems accessible on their websites
2. Partnered with DSS and DHA staff to identify and enroll students
3. Created a [community resource guide](#) in English and Spanish that was shared with the following organizations to ensure we continue to identify and enroll students who need this support:
  - a. Durham Public Schools social workers, guidance counselors, principals and teachers
  - b. Durham Children's Initiative
  - c. Durham Housing Authority
  - d. Durham Social Services Department
  - e. Made in Durham
  - f. Community Schools
  - g. Village of Wisdom
  - h. Communities in Partnership
  - i. We are
  - j. El Centro Hispano
  - k. Parents of African American Children
  - l. Book Harvest
  - m. The Office on Youth

As we shared in our discussions with the County and City, our inability to provide transportation continues to be a barrier for some families who desire this service. Partners are trying to support

families as we are able, but are concerned that we will enroll less students than need this service as a result. This is something we are continuing to troubleshoot.

As of today, The YMCA is at 50% of enrollment (approximately 75 seats out of 150 available), Student U is at 50% enrollment (52 of 108) and Kate's Korner is at 40%. Based on the work we are doing to continue to identify students, refine our enrollment processes, and support families in navigating barriers to entry, our target date to review our enrollment is October 16th.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Best,

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