

COALITION for the HOMELESS

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Materials to Educate Children About Homelessness

Homelessness is difficult to discuss even to adults because it is the symptom of many community problems including income disparity and a weakening safety net. Some great teachers, however, have created activities, lesson plans and books for younger kids. Many of these can be coupled with the enclosed myths and facts – especially the fact that over 10,500 kids are homeless each year in Jefferson County public schools.

<http://www.brighthorizonsfoundation.org/Resources/Documents/Children%20for%20Children.pdf>

<http://learningtogive.org/lessons/unit119/lesson3.html>

<http://www.livemom.com/2010/09/06/talking-to-children-about-homelessness/>

I have another website for you to share with teachers. It will help them explore the different needs and services for people who are homeless.

<http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/Departments/Gheens/OCON/OCON-away/Homelessness.html>

This website is provided by our JCPS Social Studies Department for teachers using the “One Community, One Nation” curriculum, but it is also open to the public. There is a page here:

<http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/Departments/Gheens/OCON/home.html> to explain how to use the site, but the link above takes people directly to the topic of "Homelessness." Basically, use the locomotive button to go back to a previous page. Use the button with the purple children to go "Home." The site designer is Sylvia Ives, sylvia.ives@jefferson.kyschools.us, who is available to speak with anyone who needs help with navigation. She especially wants to know if it isn't working as it should be!