

# Homeless Awareness Poster Series

According to the 2000 Homeless Census, throughout Wisconsin approximately 17,000 children and youth are experiencing homelessness. It would be rare for any school district or local community not to have at least some families struggling with homeless issues. Public education provides the greatest impact toward breaking the cycle of poverty for our future generations. The Wisconsin DPI has developed a series of four 12" x 18" posters and is distributing them statewide to every public school, public library, and community service agency. For more information on these posters or homeless issues regarding education, please contact EHCY Program Coordinator Mary Maronek at (608) 261-6322 or [mary.maronek@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:mary.maronek@dpi.state.wi.us).

## DO YOU KNOW when you last saw the doctor?



Homeless children suffer three times as many stomach problems, fifty percent more ear infections, and twice as many hospitalizations as non-homeless children.

*Homes for the Homeless and the Institute for Children and Poverty, 1999*

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction • Elizabeth Baranick, State Superintendent  
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## DO YOU KNOW where you'll do your homework?



According to some estimates, 3-6 months of education are lost every time a child changes schools.

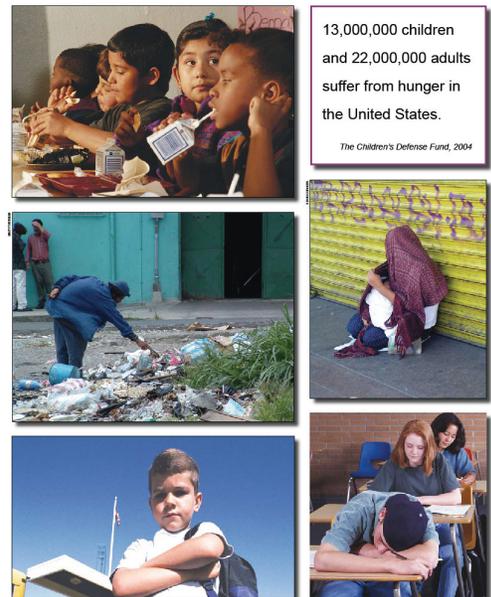
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This poster series provides a graphic representation on each of the following issues:

- Health
- Education
- Housing
- Hunger

## DO YOU KNOW when you'll eat your next meal?



13,000,000 children and 22,000,000 adults suffer from hunger in the United States.

*The Children's Defense Fund, 2004*

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## DO YOU KNOW where you will sleep tonight?



On average, a family will have to work full-time at \$15.21/hour to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.

*National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2003*

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