

I followed up with Anna Cross on some questions I had regarding the school information (I am still waiting on the SPED info)

Of all the Programs we were given, Framingham pays directly for only the PIC. The rest are grant funded.

What is Behavior and Mental Health Consultant support through SMOC?

She said they have a CPC grant that is needs based and provides money to contract with SMOC for a consultant to come to the school and provide services.

What is the Child Access Project ?

This is a different grant that does the same as above with Wayside, SMOC and Advocates

Please explain some details of Collaboration for early intervention?

The PCHP grant hires a director and funds early literacy services for usually 15-20 families. We are maxed out at 29.

The director receives referrals for this program from the agencies, the community and by directly going to the agencies and programs to locate families in need.

ESOL=ESL

Community Trauma Roundtable- grant for trauma sensitive schools. It enables the schools to be linked with the agencies that are intersecting with the same families that the schools support.

She gave me a review of the children in and out of our system. This is how it was explained by Pam who is the coordinator.

There are 155 students who are considered homeless and attending Framingham Public schools, and paid for by the school system budget. (This number may vary over time)

Of those, 20 live in shelters outside Framingham.

We pay half the transportation fee for these students. She will try to determine an average cost. It can be expensive depending on how far they live.

There are 22 students who live in Framingham but attend outside schools. We do not pay education costs.

We do pay half the transportation costs. Again, she will try to determine an average cost. It can be expensive depending on how far they live.

We are still waiting to receive information of the costs associated with SPED, including payment for services due to school referrals.

The school department has never done a comparison of the number or percentage of homeless students in Framingham compared to other communities.