



Office of Basic Needs & Housing Support Services
Somerville Family Learning Collaborative



SY25-26: Responding to Changes via a Multi-pronged Approach

Feb
2022

Birth of
BNHSS.

Aug
2022

Hired bilingual
BNHSS
Social Worker.

2022-
2023

Assessed the
landscape.

Joined local,
statewide &
national coalitions.

Initiated
partnerships.

Stemmed the flow
of families leaving
Somerville.

2023-
2024

Innovated &
collaborated with the
Somerville Office of
Housing Stability to
launch the
Guaranteed Basic
Income (GBI)
Program and
Municipal Voucher
Program (MVP).

Reduced risk factors.

2024-
2025

Stabilized families
& unaccompanied
youth.

Empowered
family choice.

Offered case
management for
unaccompanied
youth, resulting in
100% graduation
rate

2025-
2026

Current federal, state, and local laws and policies have drastically impacted vulnerable populations.

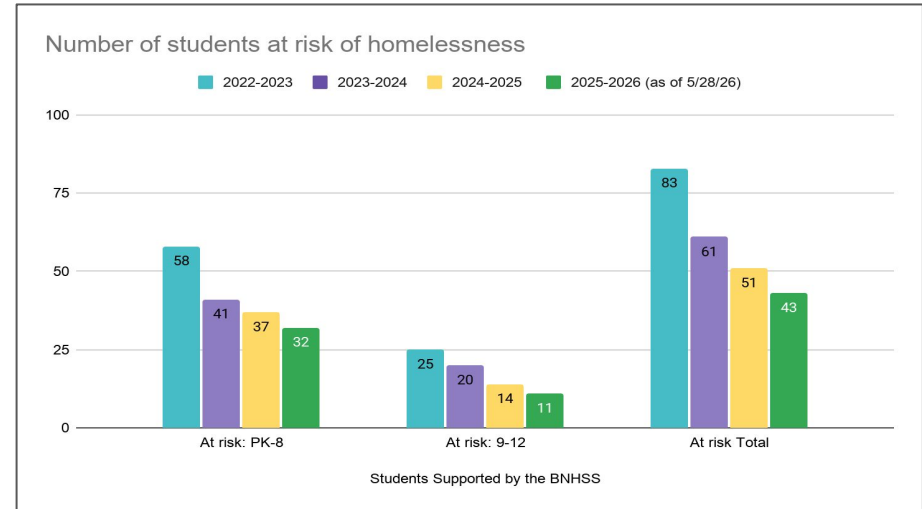
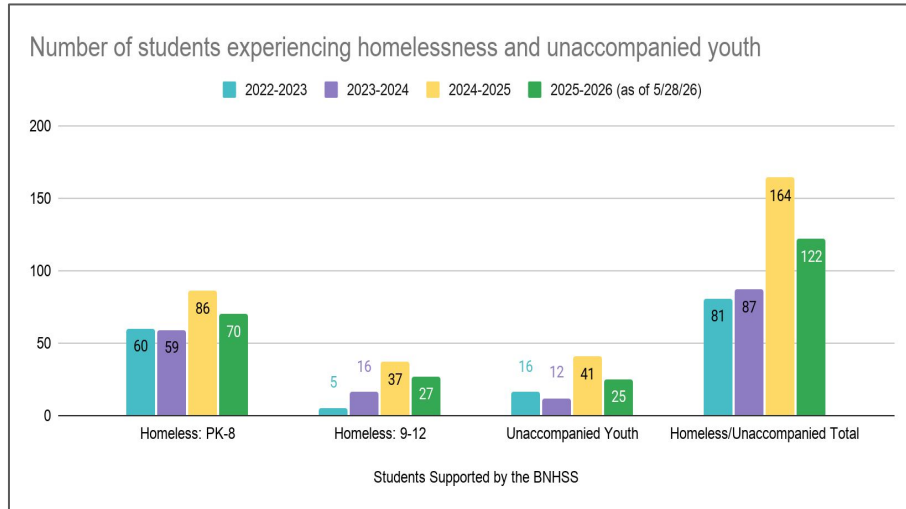
In response, we have

- developed local systems to provide emergency relief;
- resourced families experiencing food insecurity;
- provided housing support for unaccompanied youth;
- developed and strengthened collaborative partnerships.

External Factors that have Impacted Vulnerable Populations in SY25-26

- **Federal immigration laws and policies**
- **Changes in state regulations around the shelter system**

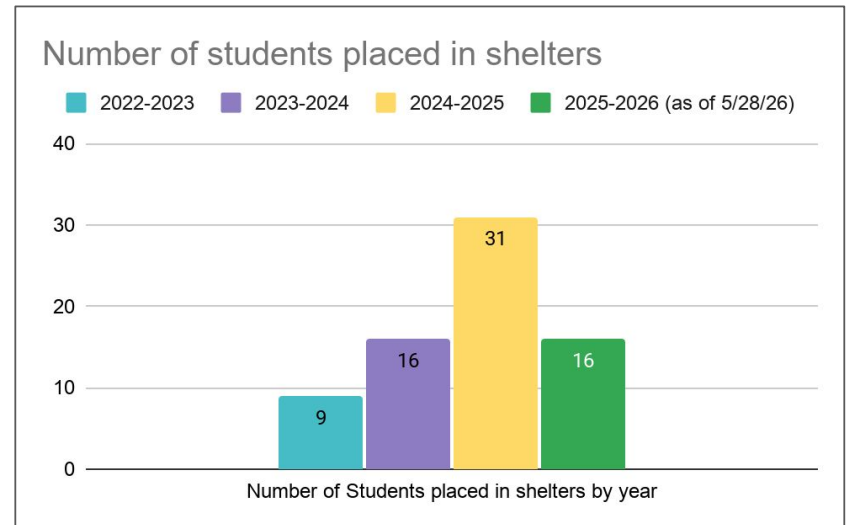
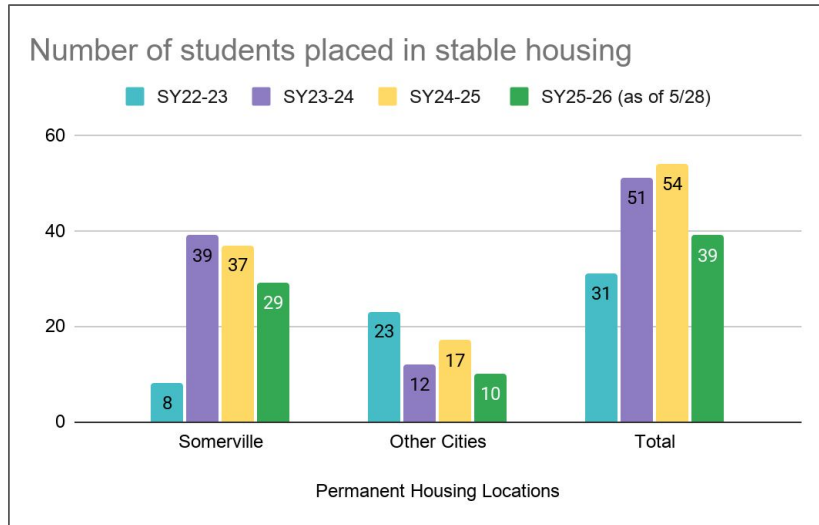
At a glance: students experiencing homelessness & unaccompanied youth and students at risk of homelessness



Our Multi-pronged Prevention and Intervention approach

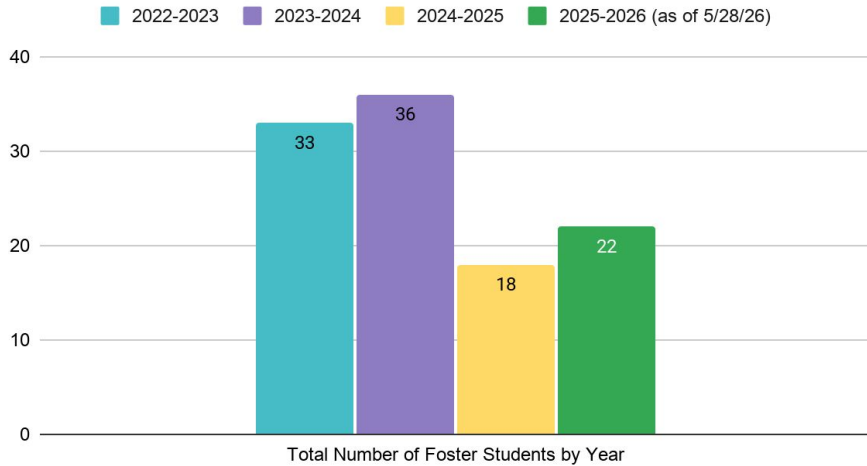
- **Developing local systems to provide emergency relief**
- **Resourcing families (post Guaranteed Basic Income pilot)**
- **Providing housing support for unaccompanied youth**
- **Developing and strengthening collaborative partnerships**

At-a-glance: Number of students placed in stable housing and shelters

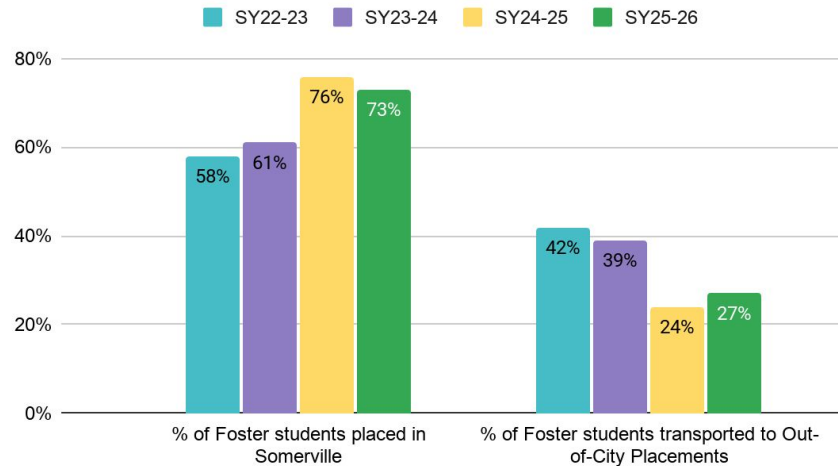


Continuous Support for Foster Students

Number of Foster Students in SPS



Location of Foster Student Placements



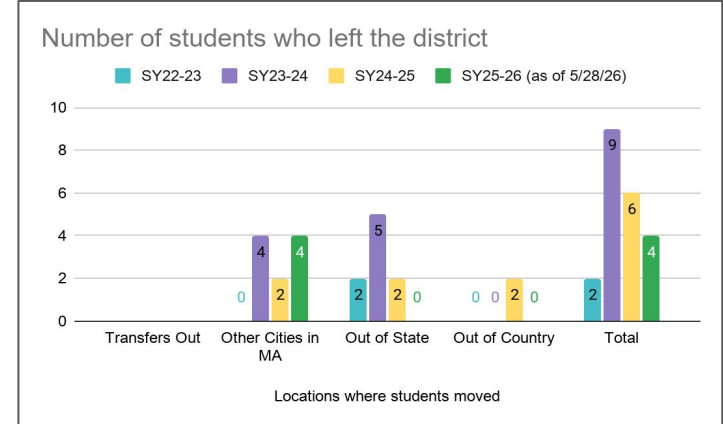
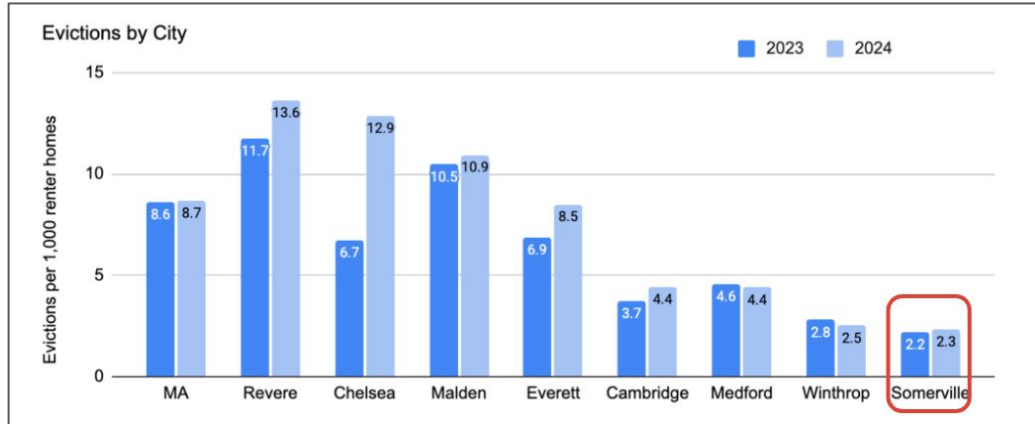
Committed to Collaboration, Advocacy and Empowerment

Type of Support

Organizations

Housing	Somerville Office of Housing Stability, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Somerville Homeless Coalition, Cambridge Housing Authority
Unaccompanied Youth	YouthHarbors, Somerville Parks & Recreation
Jobs	Somerville Community Corporation
Legal Services	Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs, Office of Refugee and Immigrant
Food	City of Somerville OFAHC (Food Access & Healthy Communities), Food for Free, PTAs
Clothing & School Supplies	Cradles to Crayons, Maren Chiu & Marcie Campbell
Transition Supplies	Bullpen Project
Space & Volunteers	Connexion Church
Year-end celebration and other celebratory events	Connexion Church, Somerville Parks & Recreation, City of Somerville, Give a Cookie, MIT Press, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, The MIT Press, Padres Latinos

Positive Outcomes When Preventative and Intervention Measures are in Place



Source: 2026 CHA Regional Wellbeing Report

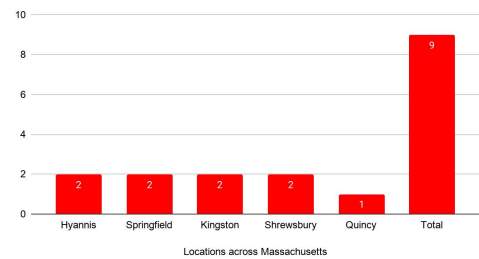
92% of SHS seniors
in our caseload are on track to graduate this June!

Thank you!

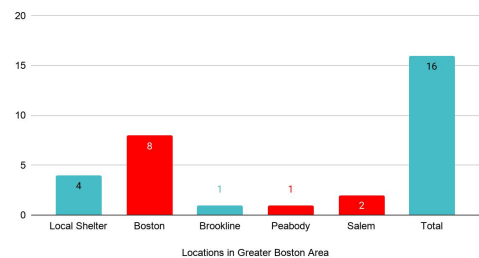


Increase in families' ability to self-advocate = Decrease in commute

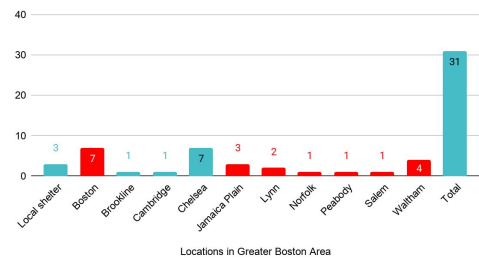
Number of students in shelters: 22-23



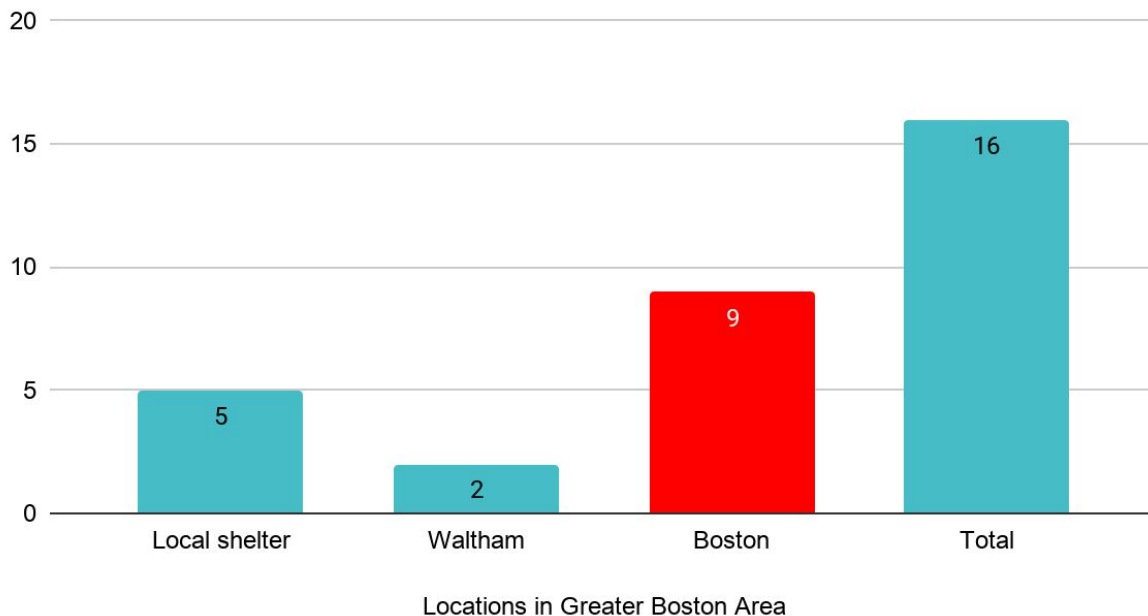
Number of students in shelters: 23-24



Number of students in shelters: 24-25



Number of students in shelters: 25-26



Average commute time in Year 1 (22-23): **70 minutes**

**40+ minutes
commute**

Average commute time in Year 4 (25-26): **28 minutes**