



## Best Practices for Higher Education

**Title of Best Practice:** Housing Homeless Students on Breaks

Which category does this practice fall under? Check all that apply.

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|          | <p><b>Enrollment Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with admissions process</li> <li>• Encouragement to seek post-secondary education</li> </ul>                                                         |
|          | <p><b>FAFSA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determinations</li> <li>• redeterminations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  |
|          | <p><b>Identification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among faculty, staff, and administrators</li> <li>• Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among students</li> </ul> |
|          | <p><b>Supports for Basic Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food</li> <li>• School supplies</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
| <b>X</b> | <p><b>Supports for Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-campus solutions</li> <li>• Off-campus solutions</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
|          | <p><b>Supports for Academic and Emotional Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic advising</li> <li>• Counseling services</li> </ul>                                                                        |

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|  | <b>Campus Service Projects</b> |
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| <b>Where did this practice/information come from? Where was it implemented?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Alabama A&M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>On-site contact information [the person(s) in charge of the program]</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Monica Clarke, Director of TRIO-SSS at Alabama A&M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Description of practice</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Providing free housing for students in dorms over Spring Break (and other breaks, potentially). This is usually only done for athletes.</p> <p>The committee sent out emails to school staff to get food donations and gift cards to grocery stores as the cafeteria is closed on breaks. The Housing Director is even taking shifts to stay in the dorms this week to free up her staff's time.</p> |
| <b>How long has this practice been in place?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Since March of 2014.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>What have been the positive outcomes of this practice? What impact has it had on UHY?</b>                                                                            |
| Free housing for 20 students over Spring Break in 2014.                                                                                                                 |
| <b>What level of effort is required to implement this practice?</b>                                                                                                     |
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| <b>What level of effort is required to sustain this practice?</b>                                                                                                       |
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| <b>How is this practice funded?</b>                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>How is this practice sustained?</b>                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Who should be involved?</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| A committee of 15 campus personnel, from offices such as Admissions, Housing, Financial Aid, TRIO, and the school's Attorney is also on the committee                   |
| <b>What have been the challenges to implementation? How have those challenges been addressed? Do you have any advice or tips for others implementing this practice?</b> |
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| <b>Related web links</b>                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Description of attached documents</b>                                                                                                                                |
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