**School Counselors &**

**School Social Workers**

You have a special role to ensure

educational access and success for our

students experiencing homelessness!

* Be familiar with common signs of homelessness by:
	+ Looking for a history of multiple schools, gaps in learning, or erratic attendance in school records
	+ Listening for parent or student statements about living at different homes or being in transition
	+ Investigating, where appropriate, the housing situation of students
	+ Reviewing Project HOPE-VA’s [MV101 video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOGMozrqHTk) at www.wm.edu/hope
* Help students with physical and psychological needs by:
	+ Ensuring parents and unaccompanied youth know how, when, and where to access meal distribution sites
	+ Communicating any changes in your contact information and any other information regarding mental health support available in your division
	+ Exploring how existing technology or systems your school division is using can be adapted to provide social-emotional supports remotely
* When you see signs of housing instability, **reach out to your homeless liaison** who can assist by:
	+ Helping students stay connected to the same school when in their best interest even if they move
	+ Removing barriers to learning related to homelessness
	+ Helping families access community services

**Please help your liaison help our students and their families!**

Liaison Name:

Phone Number:

Email: