**Educators who work with our youngest children**

Your work is critical to the

educational success of

students experiencing homelessness!

* Recognize common signs of homelessness by:
	+ Looking for a history of multiple addresses, or missing documents, particularly those verifying residency
	+ Noticing erratic attendance or noticing avoidance of field trips
	+ Listening for parent or child statements about staying in multiple locations, living at different homes or being in transition
	+ Asking questions in a sensitive and neutral manner
	+ Reviewing Project HOPE-VA’s [MV101 EC video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR6IytBzWN4&feature=youtu.be) at [www.wm.edu/hope](http://www.wm.edu/hope)
* Provide a safe, predictable learning environment by:
	+ Creating trauma-sensitive spaces and practices and creating trusting relationships with families and their children through one-on-one time
	+ Recognizing that the consistency you provide children through schedules and routines is especially critical for those who lack a stable place to live
	+ Taking the family to a private place to fill out forms or offering to assist with completing forms over the phone if registration has moved online
	+ Asking families about access to technology and connectivity in the home and providing information about your program’s resources and how to connect to any learning activities being offered
* When you see signs of housing instability, **reach out to your homeless liaison** who can assist by:
	+ Removing barriers to learning related to homelessness
	+ Helping families access community services
	+ Helping students stay connected to the same school when in their best interest even if they move

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



Liaison Name:

Phone Number:

Email: