**School Psychologists**

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; and
	+ Reviewing Project HOPE-VA’s [MV101 video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOGMozrqHTk) at [www.wm.edu/hope](http://www.wm.edu/hope).
* Help support students experiencing homelessness by:
	+ Consulting with teachers and parents, and working directly with students to provide for their unique social-emotional needs in and out of the school building;
	+ Performing informal assessments designed to identify skill gaps, and providing instructional intervention recommendations, particularly those that can be self-administered by students outside of school if needed; and
	+ Considering environmental circumstances in special education referral, evaluation, and eligibility.
* 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; and
	+ Helping families access community services.

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

Liaison Name:

Phone Number:

Email: