School Community Outreach Coordinator

a.k.a.- School Social Worker
What I Do
Help the Students

★ Provide one-on-one support for students who are having a difficult time in the classroom
★ Work on coping skills for students to use in the classroom- allows them to stay in class
★ Provide individualized social skills learning
★ Provide a primary level of social skills learning via second step (elementary)
★ Provide a safe space for students to come and talk to
★ Referr students to other agencies if I am unable to provide the support that is needed
Help Families

★ Connect families with resources

★ Advocate on a family's behalf

★ Maintain the communication between home and school

★ Provide families with resources they may not be aware of or have access to
Be a Face in the community

★ Attend different community meetings to find resources that will be beneficial for our students and families
McKinney Vento
Homeless Liaison
What is a Homeless Liaison

★ As the local homeless liaison I am need to identify any student who may be experiencing homelessness

★ Referrals are then made to other resources for the family and student to help them through their experience

★ After identifying students who are homeless I monitor and ensure-
  ○ Prompt enrollment in school
  ○ Attendance
  ○ Opportunities for the student for academic success in their current situation.

★ Main goal- to provide educational stability for students without permanent housing
What defines homelessness per DPI

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001 defines homeless students as those who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes children and youth who...

- Share the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
- Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Live in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Are abandoned in hospitals;
- Are awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans
- Children and youth who live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances set forth in Items i, ii, and iii above.
- Any unaccompanied youth
What do I do if a student discloses they are homeless.
Inform me right away

★ There may be other services that we can provide the student to help them during this time

★ Services include

○ Automatically receiving free lunch
○ Transportation to and from place of residency
○ Extra support for the student and their family members
Lesley Ernst has shared a Google Form with all staff. Those referrals come directly to us and we determine who is best suited to help that student with services!

https://docs.google.com/a/montelloschools.org/forms/d/1ZQtAac-3A88LYFYRbWt_rcXKt5c-9mDhdBLxbv50hPU/viewform?c=0&w=1

Not just for McKinney-Vento Services but for all services :)

Referral Process