



# Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

*Student Engagement is committed to providing support and resources for students experiencing homelessness.*

## What is homelessness?

- Sharing housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to the lack of alternative adequate housing
- Staying in an emergency or transitional shelter
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar setting

## What are some signs of homelessness?

- Staying late or sleeping on campus until buildings close
- Social behavior changes like withdrawal, aggression, over-attachment, or difficulty with peer and/or adult relationships
- Lack of participation in class, poor attention span, or sudden decline in academic achievement
- Poor hygiene, unmet medical/dental needs, wearing the same clothes repeatedly, fatigue, or sickness

## Next Steps to Support Students

If you believe a student may be experiencing homelessness or a student shares about homelessness or housing insecurity:

- Submit an EARS Referral ([www.northpark.edu/EARS](http://www.northpark.edu/EARS))
- Connect student directly to the Student Care Coordinator in Student Engagement using the information below

### HOUSE Liaison\*

The Student Care Coordinator in Student Engagement is the designated HOUSE liaison, as required by the Illinois Public Act 102-0083. The HOUSE liaison provides support and resources to students experiencing homelessness at North Park University.

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