



# Project HOPE New River Valley

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## Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

Significant numbers of unaccompanied immigrant children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have been arriving to the US since at least 2007 due to gang violence and sexual assaults in those countries. Unaccompanied immigrant children in the community must be provided with educational services as would any other resident of the school district. School districts have been enrolling and serving these children for many years. Often using federal Title III funds to assist. Eligibility for services under the McKinney-Vento Act's Education of Homeless Children and Youth program always requires a case-

by-case analysis of a child's actual living situation, to determine whether it meets the Act's definition of "homeless." McKinney-Vento liaisons have the legal responsibility and authority to make that determination. Some unaccompanied immigrant children will be considered homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act, while others will not.

*Immigration and Schools: Supporting Success for Undocumented Unaccompanied Homeless Youth*  
<http://www.naehcy.org/sites/default/files/images/dl/immig.pdf>  
*Dear Colleague Letter*  
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201405.pdf>

For further information, consult the following documents:

*Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Education and Homelessness, August 2014*  
<http://www.naehcy.org/sites/default/files/dl/uic-brief.pdf>



Project HOPE NRV is a regional program for Homeless Education which includes the five school division in the New River Valley.

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## Project SPROUT Expands Throughout NRV



A program which targets the younger siblings of school age children experiencing homelessness is being expanded throughout the NRV.

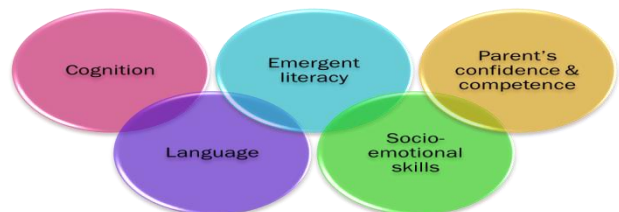
Project Sprout is a prevention and awareness program sponsored by Radford University for young children (birth-five

years) and their parents. Student advocates meet with families for one hour visits.

Each family will receive a bag that includes age appropriate toys and books that target child development. Each bag will also contain developmental checklists and resources for additional services. Families can keep the

bag or follow-up with Project Sprout and trade their bag in for a new one!

If you are interested in making a referral or would like additional information about the program contact Aline Brinckman [abrinckman@mcps.org](mailto:abrinckman@mcps.org) or call 540-382-5100 x 1026.





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## NRV Participates in the Homeless Point-In-Time Count

The Point-In-Time Count is a census of unduplicated homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations throughout the state. It is conducted each year by service providers and volunteers, and is coordinated through Virginia's 30 Continuum of Care (COC). The count is conducted each year as required by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness over an entire year is typically four to five times that of the point-in-time count.

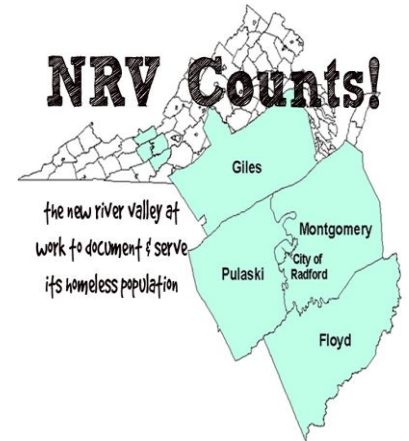
Communities using funds

from the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) are required to conduct periodic counts of people experiencing homelessness. This data is compiled locally and nationally to inform programs and planning.

Rural areas face challenges when trying to locate and document the homeless population.

**The next Point in Time Count will be on Wed., January 28, 2015.**

**Information will be available in the future as to how you can help.**



## Resources for House Hunting

When talking to a parent who has lost a home and is looking for another, there are valuable resources available to you on line.

Emergency Shelter List  
[http://www.mcps.org/Project\\_Hope\\_Files/Emergency\\_Shelter\\_List\\_06-06-11\\_One\\_Page.pdf](http://www.mcps.org/Project_Hope_Files/Emergency_Shelter_List_06-06-11_One_Page.pdf)  
 (Lists nearby shelters.)

Apartment Listing  
[http://www.mcps.org/Project\\_Hope\\_Files/Apartments%20in%20NRV%2011-12.pdf](http://www.mcps.org/Project_Hope_Files/Apartments%20in%20NRV%2011-12.pdf)

[Hope\\_Files/Apartments%20in%20NRV%2011-12.pdf](http://www.mcps.org/Project_Hope_Files/mobile%20home%20parks%202012.pdf)

Mobile Home Listing  
[http://www.mcps.org/Project\\_Hope\\_Files/mobile%20home%20parks%202012.pdf](http://www.mcps.org/Project_Hope_Files/mobile%20home%20parks%202012.pdf)

Virginia Housing Search  
[http://www.socialserve.com/tenant/index.html?state\\_id=4130&ch=VA](http://www.socialserve.com/tenant/index.html?state_id=4130&ch=VA)  
 (VHDA search engine.)

Craig's List  
<http://blacksburg.craigslist.org/apa/>

Annual Credit Report Request Form  
<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf>  
 (Better to know what credit report will reveal before landlords check.)

Know a great resource? Let us know.  
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## Professional Development Opportunity

### "FREE Financial Aid 101 Webinar on Federal Student Aid Programs and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)"

This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 5:00 - 6:00pm EST and is being presented by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid. This webinar is targeting college bound students and their parents.

Please share the attached flyer with your networks and encourage everyone who will benefit from the webinar to register at <http://tinyurl.com/FA101webinar>.