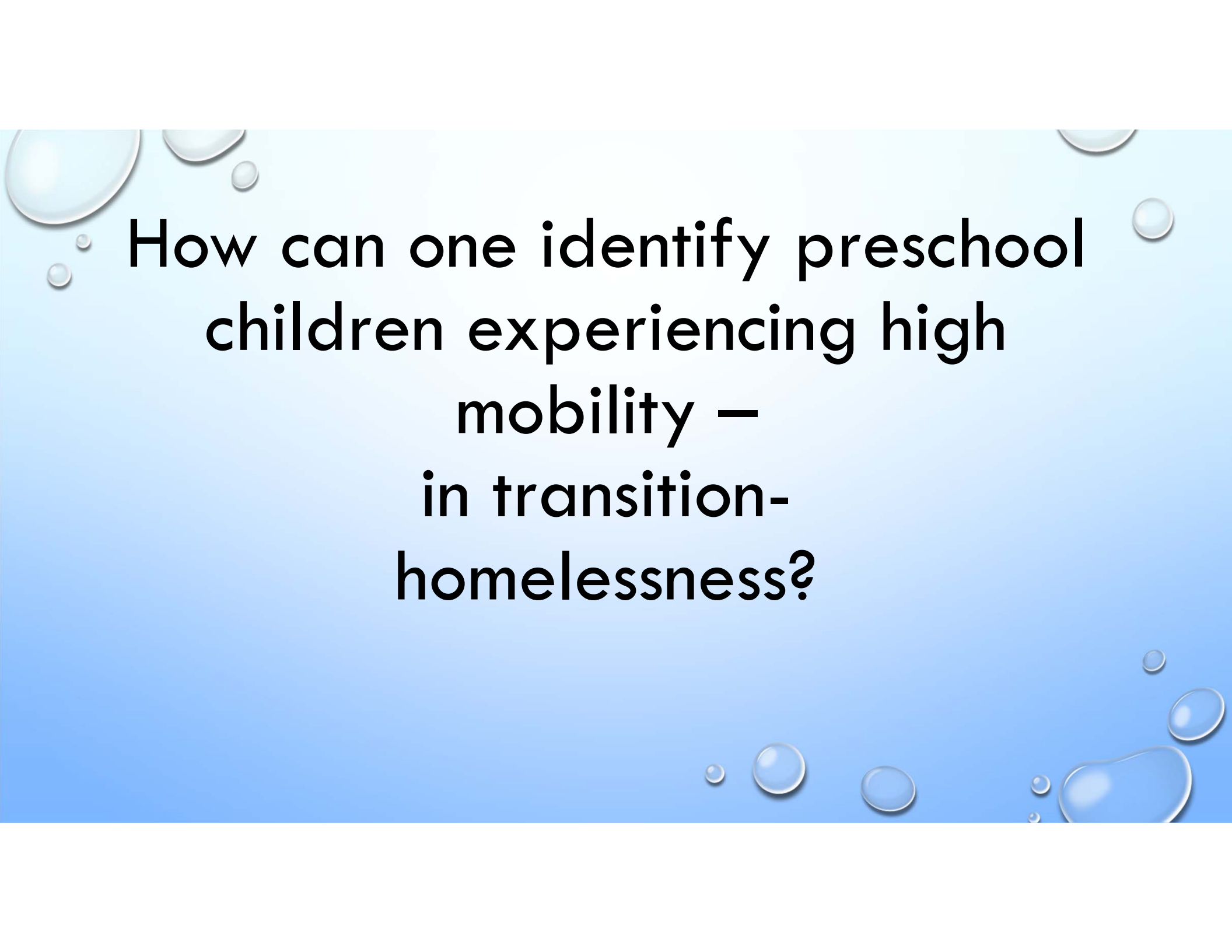


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PRESCHOOL CHILDREN & FAMILIES

EXPERIENCING LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

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**How can one identify preschool
children experiencing high
mobility –
in transition-
homelessness?**

If one looked at a picture of children or family with children...could you identify the following?

Doubled up family?

Experiencing high mobility?

Family living in "tent city" by the river?

Which child moved 9 times in the last 12 months?

Which child is sleeping in the family car?

Which child is a migratory child living in an old camping trailer?

What strategies can be used to identify homeless children five years or younger?

- Siblings enrolled in K-12
- Building relationships –
 - Shelters housing families with children
 - Providers serving families with young children
 - Early childhood education providers [CB & HV]

What strategies can be used to identify homeless children five years or younger?


- Collaborative Partners:
 - Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) programs
 - Head Start/Early Head Start programs
 - School or community child care programs
 - Family child care homes
 - Home-based early childhood programs
 - EC Health and Development providers

What strategies can be used to identify homeless children five years or younger?


- Collaborative Partners w/in LEA:
 - Early intervention & special education programs
 - Early childhood education programs
 - In-take – school registration team (residency form)
 - Bus drivers

Why homeless children under 5 should enroll in preschool programs...

- Children experiencing unsafe living conditions and poverty may exhibit negative impacts –
 - Brain development
 - Cognitive learning
 - Behavior issues – could be triggered from experiencing trauma
 - Physical and social emotional well being



• How to assist homeless families to enroll child in preschool programs...

- Eligibility – ABC, Head Start, preschool programs funded under Title 1
 - Stability, structured, safe environment
 - Nurturing healthy social-emotional & cognitive skills
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RESOURCES

- Arkansas Better Chance – <https://www.humanservices.Arkansas.Gov/about-dhs/dccece/programs-services/arkansas-better-chance-program>
- Early Head Start or Head Start – <https://www.arheadstart.org>
- Arkansas Better Beginnings [locate childcare facilities] – <https://www.arbetterbeginnings.com>

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