

After watching the videos of children living in poverty, it will change my way of nursing by how I see/ approach people. By this I mean, I will look for the signs of poverty and be their comfort and advocate if they are living in a poor situation. My goal is to work with pediatrics and be their safe place if they were to ever need one. The videos have taught me that there are many children and families living in their cars and struggle from day to day just to get by. I had never thought of children living in cars and still attending school or their day-to-day functions like normal. As a nurse I would look for resources to help these families get off the streets so that they can have a safe place to live and be able to receive warm meals for the day. As a mother, I would be terrified to live in my car with my 5-year-old son and our dog. I personally would not know what to do and would feel lost and defeated, which is what I saw in some of the parents. As parents we want the best for our kids and want them to have the best life that they can have, or at least most of us parents think that way. If I was a school nurse I feel like I would be able to pick up on the signs of children living in poverty because I see the children every day. If I worked in a hospital setting, I feel like looking for the signs and noticing them would be a bit more challenging because I would not see that child every day and the parents could put false information on their paperwork, as a parent did in the video. Because some of these videos were older, the programs and help that these families were able to receive probably increased in donations and are able to help more families. Children are amazing because they are able to adapt to any situation and still function. Although, it might be harmful to the children mentally they are still able to function with their day to day activities because those are probably their favorite times of the day. In my opinion after watching the videos, some of the children were sad, happy, had no clue what was wrong, and grateful to even have a "home". As a nurse I would provide counseling referrals, food banks, shelters, and any programs that were to my advantage to these families. I feel like counseling would be very important because depending on the child's age, they could be having doubts and comparing themselves to other children.

Giving these children a safe place to talk and live would be the main goal and to keep the children happy.