



# Mrs. Morris-Hobbs

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### Social Worker



#### A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

It's no secret that I go to therapy. It taught me how to be empathetic and vulnerable, so I can live a more joyful life. It also instilled a passion in me to support others' change processes, so, here I am.

#### My Favorite Book:

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling & Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer

#### My Hobbies and Interests:

Outside of school I dance at Aqua Zumba, grow houseplants, read, paint, listen to the Call Your Girlfriend podcast, watch reruns of 30 Rock or Gilmore Girls, and explore new food. I also enjoy road tripping with my family, Ray and Cocoa. We've driven to 43 states, Iceland, and Canada.

#### Prior Experience in Education:

2017-2018 was my first year at Byers. Previously, I worked in Family Services at Head Start as a home visitor and parent coach. My past social work experiences include counseling intimate partner violence survivors, racial justice community organizing, and TANF Case Management.

#### Something Super-Unique About Me:

I'm a transracial adoptee with Vietnamese, French, Dutch, and Native American roots. Ask me about it!

#### Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

At Byers students and families, who might not otherwise connect, learn together and develop deep relationships. I love it. In addition to empowering the change process in our students through mental health services, I am a social entrepreneur, creating trauma-informed systems and social-emotional programming for our school. Every day presents a new challenge and opportunity for me to grow.