

When the Need for Housing Affordable and Accessible to Poor Families Outstrips Supply, Poor Families will Become Homeless

Characteristics of both poor domiciled and unhoused families

- ▶ Minimal work histories
- ▶ Often suffer from depression but do not have higher rates of mental illness than other poor families
- ▶ Lack employment skills
- ▶ High rates of domestic and community violence (but not more likely to experience conflict, trauma and violence than poor domiciled mothers)
- ▶ Low levels of educational attainment

GOAL

A system that assesses homeless families and matches them with the most appropriate resources to do **just enough** to get them into permanent housing and ensure that they don't become homeless again.

