

**CHILD
HOMELESSNESS &
CHILDCARE
= A GROWING
ECONOMIC CRISIS**

MEET THE SPEAKER



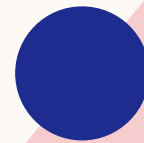
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AGENDA

- Invisible Crisis
- Impact on Homeless Children
- Childcare Data
- Continuum of Care at Family Promise
- Rising Stars Early Learning Center
- Advocacy Efforts



**We're in the midst of a crisis
you might not be aware of.**



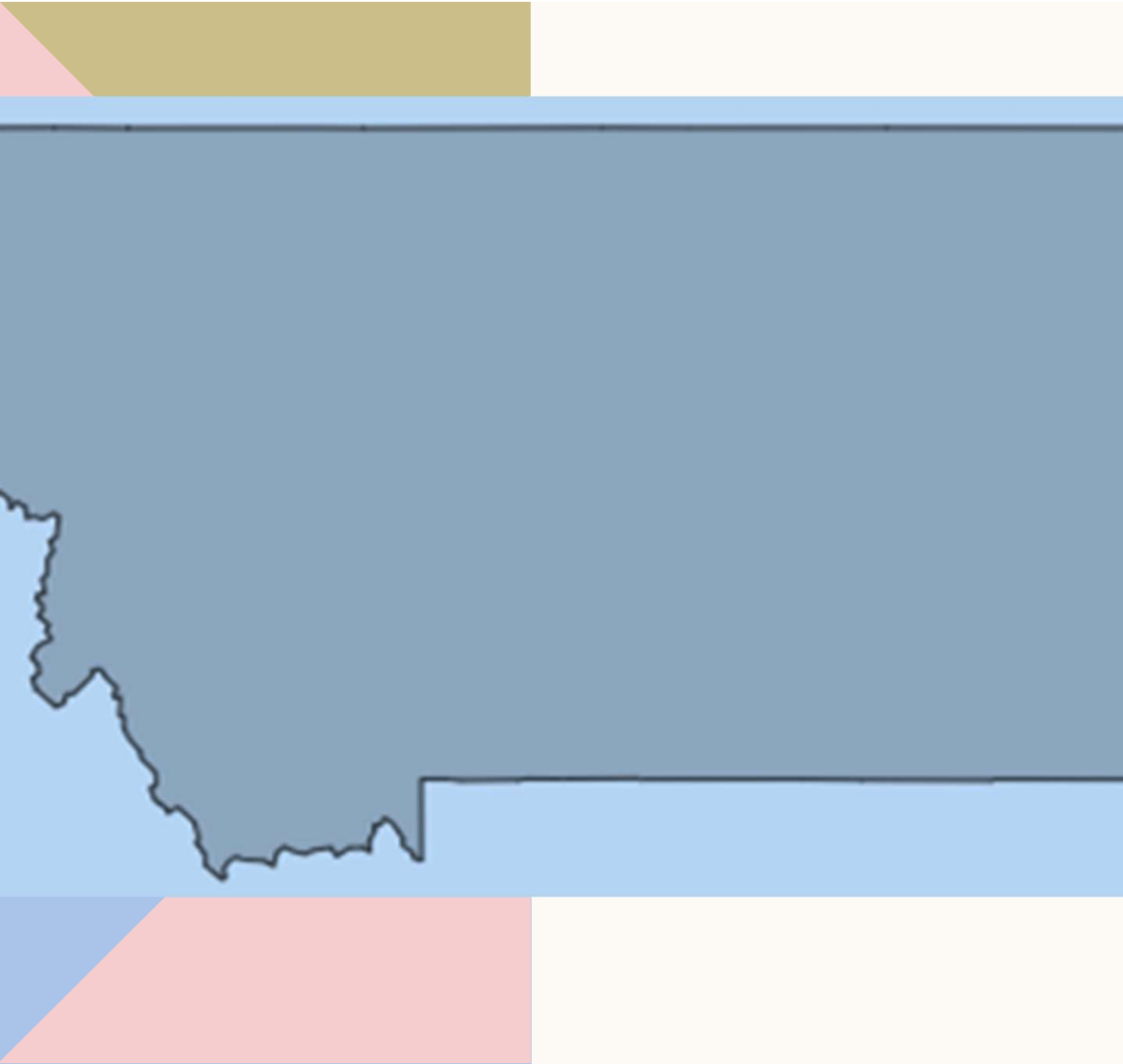
FAMILY HOMELESSNESS THE INVISIBLE CRISIS

It's a dad getting injured on the job and being unable to cover rent.

It's a mom and children fleeing an abusive relationship and checking into a hotel for shelter.

It's a developer turning an affordable housing complex into expensive condos displacing families that live there.





What Does That Mean Locally?

- 1,585 individuals are homeless on a given night in Montana (National Alliance of Homelessness 2022)
- In 2022, 423 family members were identified as experiencing homelessness (National Alliance of Homelessness)
- Last school year, the Bozeman School District identified 138 K-12th grade students in Bozeman School District who experienced homelessness
- Family Promise served 311 individuals last year in shelter and transitional housing



The Problem to Be Solved



1 IN 19

CHILDREN WILL EXPERIENCE
HOMELESSNESS BY THE TIME THEY TURN
SIX YEARS OLD.

via: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

2.5
MILLION

CHILDREN EXPERIENCE
HOMELESSNESS EVERY
YEAR.

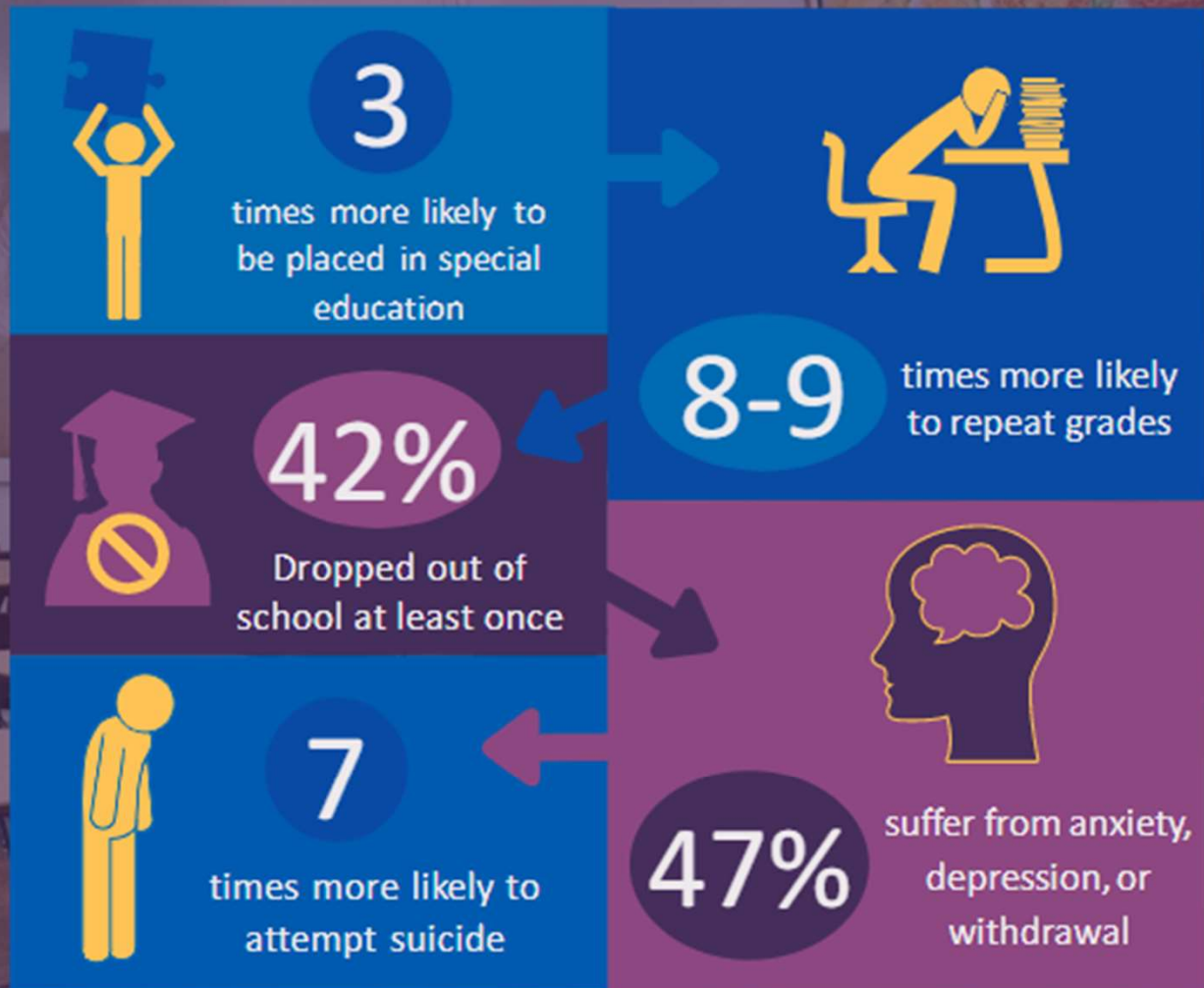
via: The Bassuk Center



OF THE TOTAL U.S. POPULATION
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS
COMPRISED OF FAMILIES.

via: The 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment
Report to Congress

Impact of Homelessness on Children





CHILDCARE BY THE #S



More than the cost of in-state tuition at MSU

Just above the poverty level of a family of 3

There is 1 childcare spot for every 3 children under the age of 6

Children in low-income households with a high-cost burden in MT

Households with children where there was little or no confidence in ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment

*Data from the 2023 Kids Count Data Center, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

The child care crisis is costing the economy \$122 billion a year, new study finds – and it's not just hurting families, businesses and taxpayers are taking a hit

BY SARAH EWALL-WICE

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The report found that not having child care – or enough child care – costs individual parents more than \$5,500 a year, or more than \$78 billion in total. And businesses lose \$1,640 on average for each working parent due to lost revenue and hiring costs because of insufficient child care, totaling \$23 billion annually. And the government loses, too – about \$21 billion in lost income and sales tax revenues a year, or \$1,470 less per working parent because parents without enough child care earn less and therefore consume less in their communities.

REAL LIFE SCENARIO IN GALLATIN COUNTY

- Single mom working 40 hours with one two-year-old child
- Average medium income \$33,164 or \$2,764 per month
- Less \$690 for food
- Less \$2000 rent for two-bedroom apartment
- Less childcare \$1200
- = -(\$1,126)

What about gas, clothes, utilities, phone bill, etc.

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Eviction
Prevention

Shelter
Prevention

Secure
Housing

Remain
Housed

Homelessness
Prevention

Shelter
Diversion

Shelter

Housing
Stabilization





Rising Stars

Program of Family Promise of Gallatin Valley





WHAT WE DO



CASE MANAGEMENT

- Weekly meetings with families
- Individualized sustainability plan
- Personalized budget with proof of expenses and income
- Case Manager



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Based on family's actual budget
- Required to apply for BBS first
- Gave \$180,000+ scholarships last year to over 20 families



TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

- Value lived experiences and use guest advisory council to help shape changes in programming
- DEIA work



EXTENDED HOURS & SATURDAYS

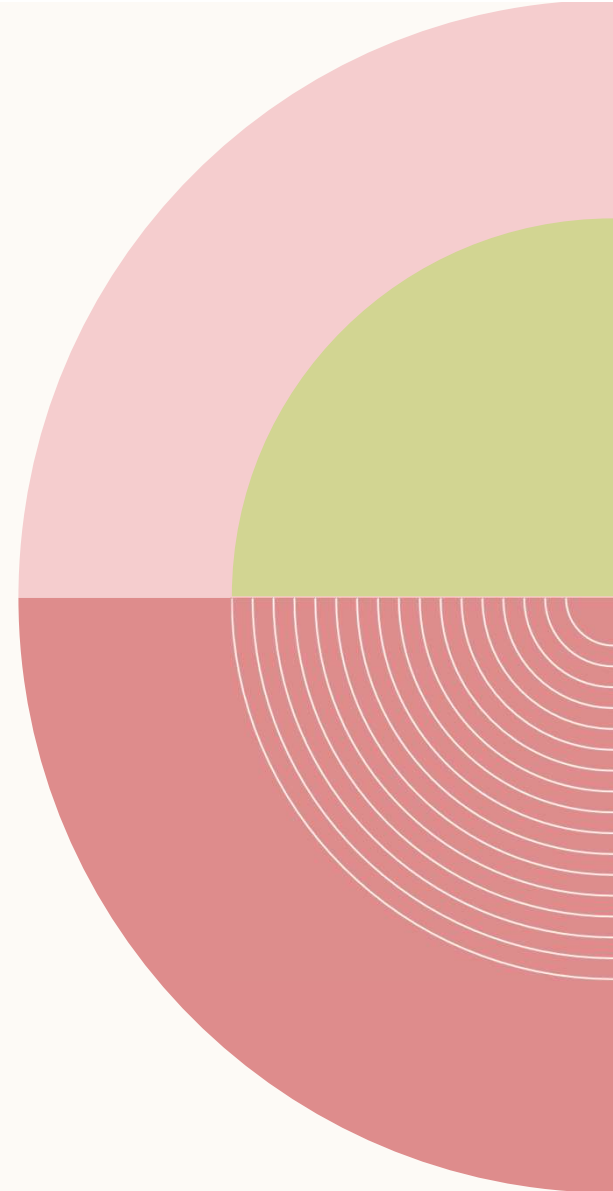
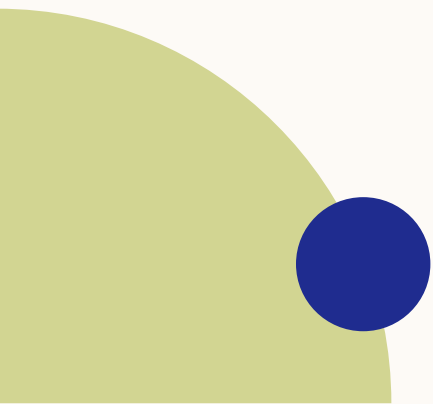
- Families don't work 9 to 5 jobs Monday – Friday

AMAZING PARTNERSHIPS



ADVOCACY

- Expand and improve the Best Beginnings Scholarship program to help more Montana families afford childcare, specifically remove barriers that make it harder for families to apply for a Best Beginnings Scholarship, such as requiring child support.
- Support the Homeless Children and Youth Act
- Advocate for more funding like the Stabilization Grant
- Seek Private, Business, and Grant Funding For Scholarships



QUESTIONS ????



A child's
housing status
should not
determine
their future.



THANK YOU!