



SAINT LOUISE HOUSE

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Women and Children and Homelessness

City of Austin Commission for Women

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The Hidden Homeless

84% of homeless families are led by women

53% of these mothers lack a high school diploma

92% have experienced abuse

Solution for Families

Affordable housing alone is not enough.



Families need pathways to economic security.



A whole person approach to developing self-sufficiency helps mothers and children succeed.

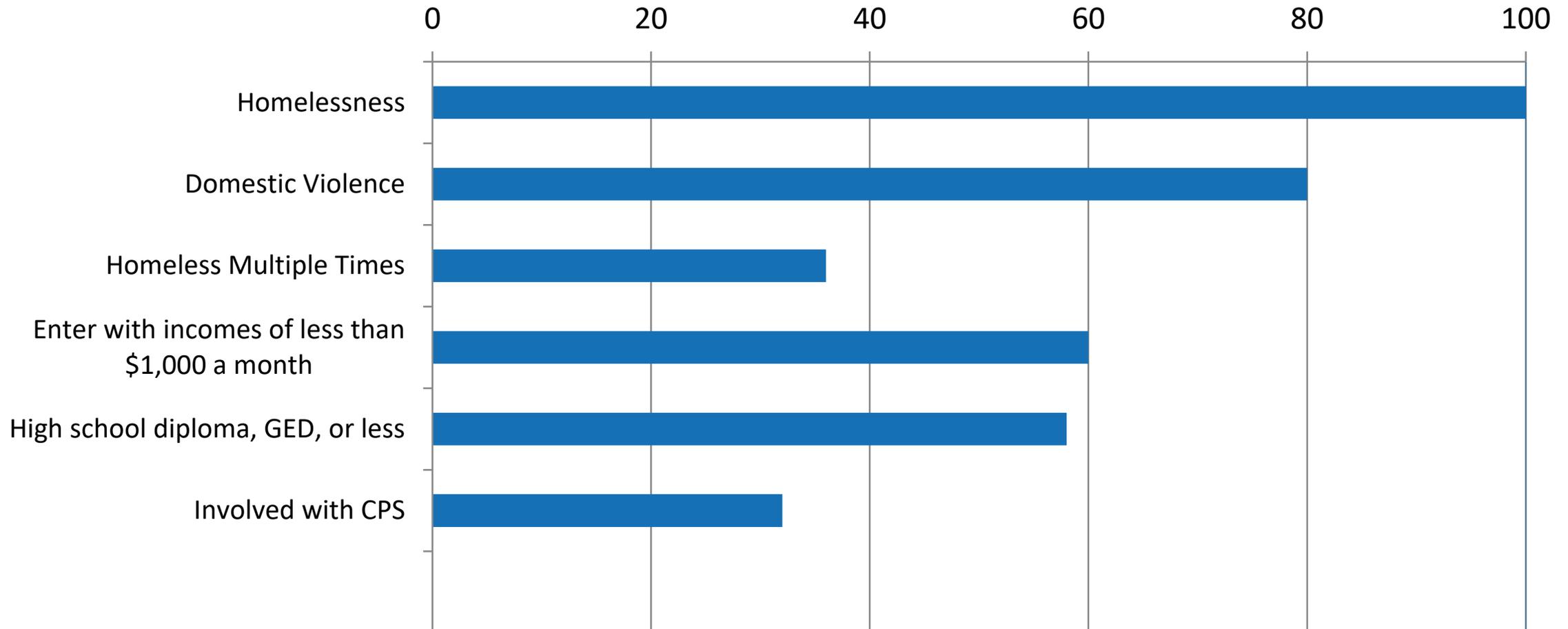
Mission and Values

Saint Louise House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the success of women and their children moving from homelessness to healthy independent lives.

We empower women and their children to overcome homelessness for generations to come.

EMPOWERMENT – STRENGTHS
– SIMPLICITY - HUMILITY -
EFFECTIVENESS

Prior Experiences of Saint Louise House Families



Our Approach

TWO GENERATIONS



Affordable Housing

- Stability is the foundation for success
- Establish positive rental history
- \$50/month for first year

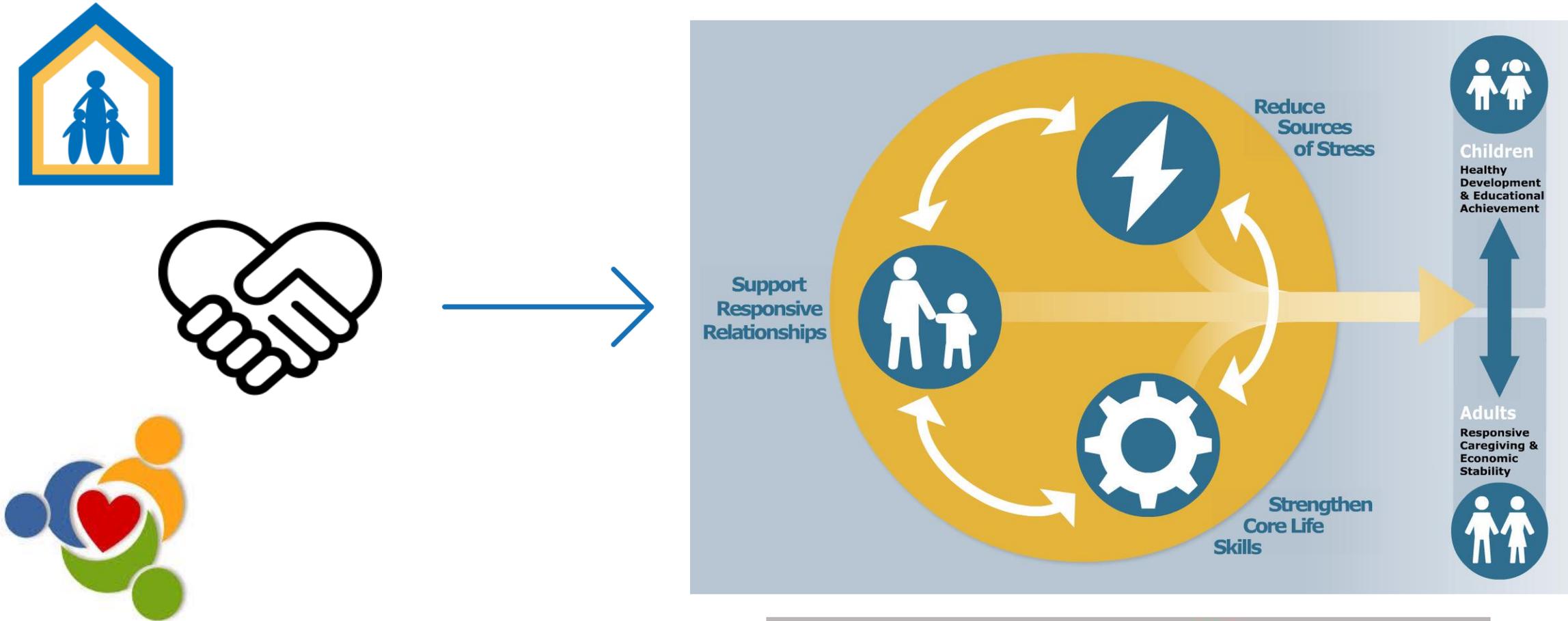
Empowerment Partners

- Staffed social workers
- Weekly meetings to support goals
- Strengths-based

Wraparound Services

- Food pantry
- Life skills workshops
- Children's activities
- Financial support
- and more

This Approach Strengthens Families



Impact

2020

- 54 families with 125 children served
- 12 successful graduations
- 15 families moved out of homelessness into SLH
- Even with Covid-19, 80% of families have continued to make progress toward self-sufficiency

20 years of being a source of stability and partnership to
205 families with 448 children

Unique Role

Emergency

Transitional

Rapid Re-Housing

Permanent Supportive

Affordable



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