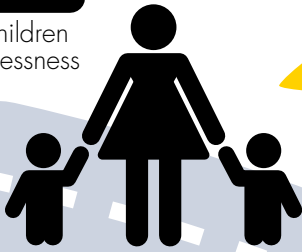


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women & children
facing homelessness



Journey from Homelessness
to Permanent Housing
& Supportive Friendships

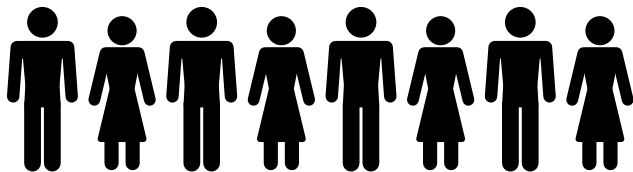
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average # of kids = 2
average age = 6.9

average age of mom 32

Experienced:

- domestic violence 60%
- childhood trauma 39%
- mental health diagnosis . . . 38%
- substance abuse 14%



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Bridge of Hope
trained mentoring friends
from local Christian
faith communities

average group = 8 mentors

21

locations in
12 states & Canada



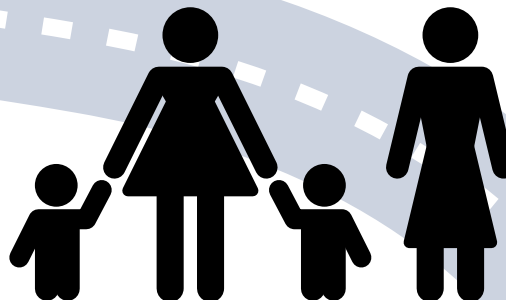
Bridge of Hope
social workers



average service = 16.4 months
average rental assistance = \$5,157 over 12 months

84%

of families exited with
permanent rental housing.
Many also had a significant relationship
with one or more mentoring friends.





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Partnering with Christian Faith Communities to End Family Homelessness

One Bridge of Hope family's journey

Alisa explains that, "Before Bridge of Hope, I could not afford a car and rent. In order to get to work, I had to have a car and then couldn't afford to pay rent. If I paid rent, I couldn't afford to have the car to drive to work. I had relationship struggles with family members and never enough money to survive."

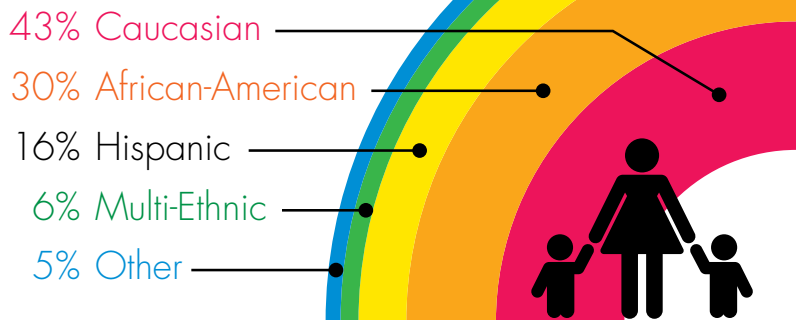
She continues, "Bridge of Hope has made it possible to have a car, a job, a home, and friends! I love having a network of support from my mentoring friends. They encourage me as I help my children to succeed in school and pursue my own dreams and goals."

The importance of permanent housing and **supportive relationships** – for ending family homelessness

Dr. Ellen Bassuk (physician and noted researcher on family homelessness) says that, "The data suggest that solutions to family homelessness in the current housing market require an increase in the supply of decent affordable housing, income maintenance, and assistance from social welfare agencies focused on **rebuilding supportive relationships.**"

(Bassuk, Why does Family Homelessness Occur?)

ETHNICITY OF 2015-2016 PARTICIPANTS



BRIDGE OF HOPE NETWORK GOALS FOR 2016-2018:



- Deepen our Cultural Humility to best serve homeless families



- Core 4 Innovation to position the Bridge of Hope network for the future
- After 30 years, we are re-imagining program language, goals, services, and outcomes to address cultural changes and engage more Christian faith communities in ending homelessness for women and children.