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# Women and Children and Homelessness

City of Austin Commission for Women

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# The Hidden Homeless

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84% of homeless families are led by women

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53% of these mothers lack a high school diploma

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92% have experienced abuse

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# Solution for Families

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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

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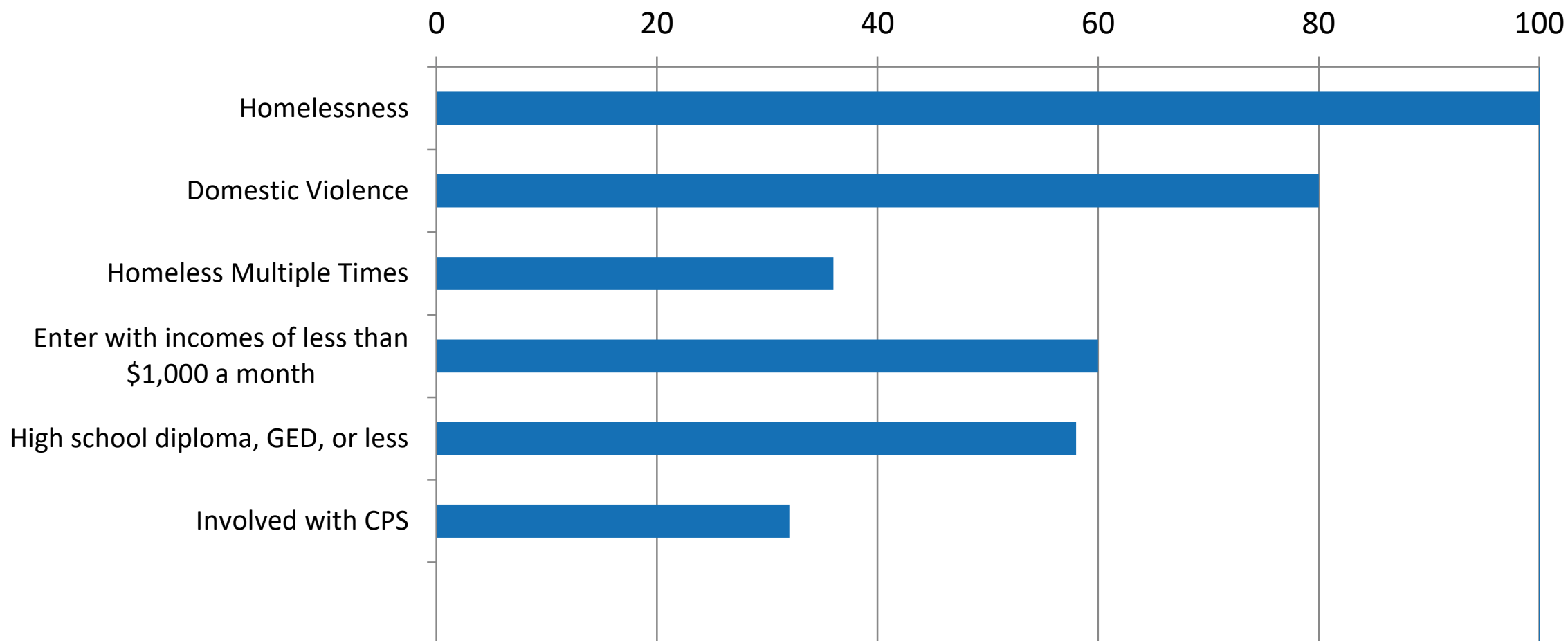
Saint Louise House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the success of women and their children moving from homelessness to healthy independent lives.

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

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# Our Approach

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## TWO GENERATIONS



### Affordable Housing

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

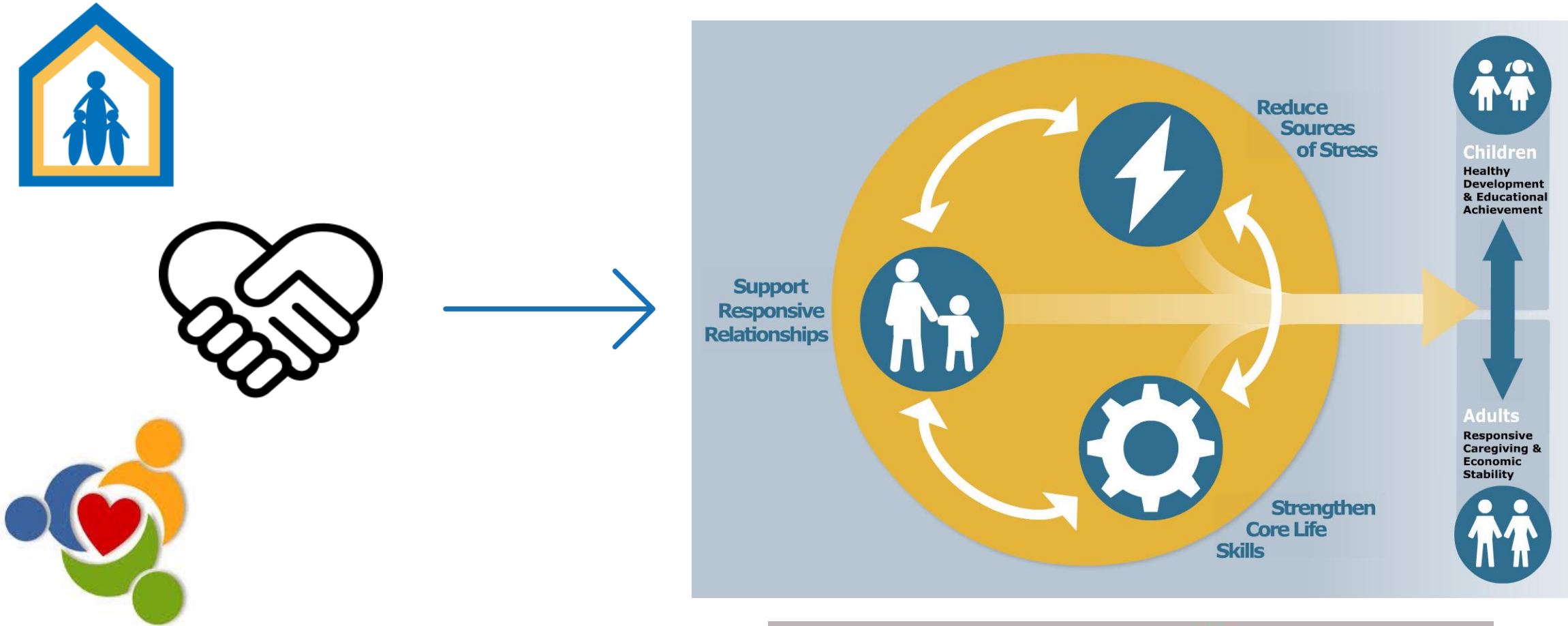
### Empowerment Partners

- 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

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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

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**Emergency**

**Transitional**

**Rapid Re-Housing**

**Permanent Supportive**

**Affordable**



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