Housing Facts

HOUSING IS FOUNDATIONAL

Stable, quality, affordable housing is the base from which individuals and families can build skills and participate in their communities. Good social policy starts with a comprehensive housing policy that allows people to succeed in education and employment.

### Housing & Education
- **Stable Housing Improves Reading Levels.** Average reading scores for elementary age students who moved three or more times were half those of students who did not move. (1)
- **Poor Children Move More Often.** Low-income elementary age students were much more likely to move during the school year than non-low income students (25% of low-income students moved compared to 10% of non-low income students). (1)
- **Stable Housing Improves Attendance.** Students who moved three or more times on average had attendance rates of 84% compared to students who did not move who had average attendance rates of 94%. (1)

### Housing & Health
- **Affordable Housing Enhances Growth.** Children of families on a waiting list for housing assistance were much more likely to suffer from stunted growth than children of families that receive housing subsidies. (3)
- **Homelessness Can Cause Developmental Delays.** Homeless children under the age of five are more likely to have a major developmental delays, 44% have two or more major developmental delay or deviation (4)
- **Housing Quality Problems Cause Asthma.** Nationally almost 18,000 children age 4-9 years are projected to be hospitalized each year for asthma attributable to cockroach infestations. (5)

### Housing & Jobs
- **Affordable Housing Increases Employment.** Families living in subsidized housing who participated in the Minnesota welfare to work program had double the employment rates of families who did not have housing assistance. (2)
- **Affordable Housing Increases Income.** Families in subsidized housing in the Minnesota welfare to work program had a 25% average increase in quarterly earnings compared to a 2% quarterly earnings increase for welfare to work families who did not have housing assistance. (2)

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