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Challenge of Homelessness—3 Aspects

❖ Social

❖ Economic

❖ Political

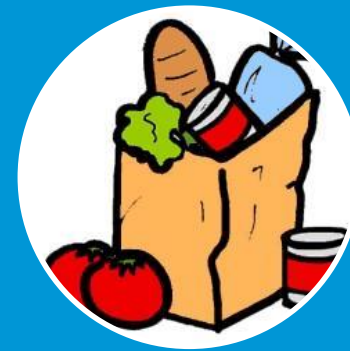
- A Question of Community Values
- Cost in Human Capital is Unacceptable
- Families with Children Fastest Growing
- Increase in Vulnerability



What makes this population vulnerable?

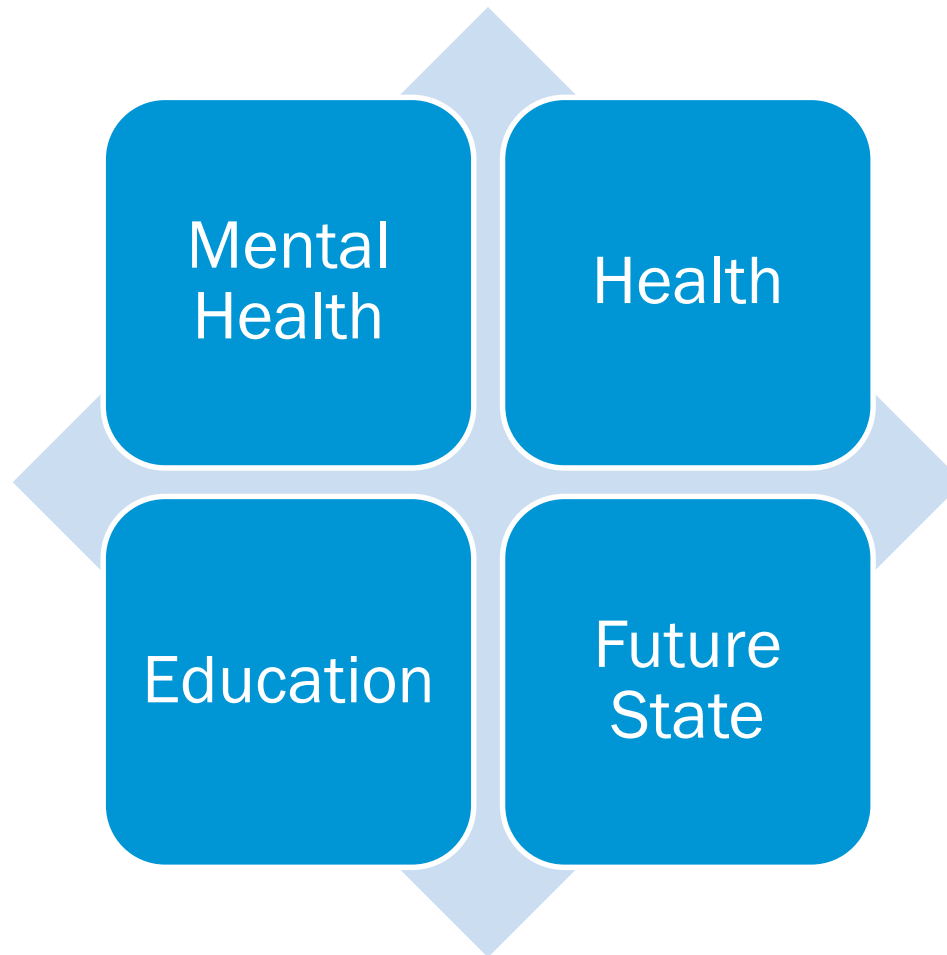


Housing
Insecurity



Food
Insecurity

POVERTY – TRAUMA – INCOME INSUFFICIENCY



Continuum of Risk

- Pay Now or Later
- Upwards of \$50 million spent annually
- Less to House than pay costs of MH/BH/SA, Jail and Judicial Systems
- \$18,000 vs. \$40,000



- Elephant in the room—lack of affordable, accessible housing
- Planners play a significant role, i.e. comprehensive plans, integration of various plans, strategies
- Housing needs, priorities addressing special and vulnerable populations must be addressed

DENVER - THE HOUSING NEED



Housing Continuum

Diff. Levels/Types of Political Process

- Political Will/Community Support
- Legislation (ordinances, statutes)
- Land Use/Zoning

- **Political Will**
 - Champion/Crusader
 - Establishes Community Values, Aspirations
 - Sends the Clarion Call
- **Legislative Actions**
 - Sets Public Policy, Strategy, Direction
 - Strongest Asset of Local Gov't

- Land Use Zoning
 - Can Enhance or Inhibit Growth
 - Can Present Critical Barriers and Restrictions
 - Ongoing Conflict of Inclusion vs. Exclusion

MARSHAL PLAN



HARNESSED POWER OF THE ATOM



Put a Man on the Moon

REBUILD



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