



# Coordinated Systems & Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness

We convene cross-system state, municipal, and community stakeholders to improve services for children and families experiencing homelessness.

## OUR NORTH STAR GOAL

A cross-sector coalition of community leaders and people with lived experience will continuously improve services available to children experiencing homelessness so they can achieve stability and become healthy adults.







### PROBLEM STATEMENT

More than 7,600 accompanied children are experiencing homelessness right now in Boston due to a lack of intentional, comprehensive, and coordinated cross-system services for children and their families.

### SOLUTION & VALUE PROPOSITION

CHIME convenes community leaders, frontline staff, and families with lived experience to map existing services, identify inner- and cross-system gaps, and create plans to improve services for children experiencing homelessness at the city and state level.

### SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

-  23 new cross-sector collaborations
-  15 existing services now prioritized for homeless children
-  12 new training programs focused on increasing knowledge and services
-  Increased awareness of child programs across participants

### HOW IT WORKS



#### IDENTIFY SERVICE GAPS

for children experiencing homelessness

#### IMPROVE SERVICE CAPACITY

and prioritization of children experiencing homelessness

#### ENHANCE COLLABORATION

and coordination of child-focused services

#### INCREASE KNOWLEDGE

and utilization of services amongst providers, administrators, and families

### RESOURCES NEEDED

- Leadership commitment
- Mapping and facilitation expertise
- Willing participants including families
- Funding
- Coordinating Team



## EVIDENCE-BASED

Adaptation of the Sequential Intercept Model used nationwide for at-risk populations and the Ascend 2Gen approach



## FAMILY VOICES IN DECISION MAKING

A Family Advisory Council made up of parents with lived experience was established to inform the City's plan to end family homelessness



## IMPROVING ACCESS

Children in shelters have greater access to and more prioritized vouchers for early education

This concept poster codifies a program or best practice of a two-generation (2Gen) approach for practitioners to replicate and systems and policy leaders to scale in order to improve outcomes for children and their families. Ascend at the Aspen Institute and the 2Gen Accelerator Community developed this concept poster alongside a portfolio of resources so that leaders can advance opportunities for families to achieve intergenerational success and well-being.

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