

Jeremiah Program

Renter Education & Housing Stability for Single Mothers

We provide asset-based renter education and trainings to single moms so they and their children can thrive in safe, stable, and affordable housing.

OUR NORTH STAR GOAL

We aim to provide single-mother headed households with the knowledge and skills to be successful renters, which can serve as a bridge towards future homeownership.



PROBLEM STATEMENT

Vital lease documents can be overwhelming and difficult to navigate, and an inability to effectively convey rights, privileges, and expectations of renters leads to evictions which causes instability for single moms and their children as well as landlords.

SOLUTION & VALUE PROPOSITION

Currently, the Jeremiah Program Renter Education has the potential to reach hundreds of single-mother headed families in nine U.S. cities. Scaling the model through a train-the-trainer approach will increase reach and enable other entities to offer the education model.

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE



Safe, stable housing is attainable because participants have the knowledge and skills they need.



Renter education empowers participants to maintain stable housing for six months following the session.



Gateway to homeownership opens as participants maximize their rights as a renter for themselves and their families.

HOW IT WORKS

CONTENT COVERAGE

Participants learn the written and unwritten rules regarding how to be successful renters, including education around credit scores, landlord and tenant laws, and how to ensure leases and the rules of Section 8 housing align with their families' needs.

MIXED DELIVERY METHOD

We provide training sessions virtually and in-person, webinars are offered live for personal interaction or asynchronously for offline viewing flexibility, and we share informational handouts.

PERSONAL SUPPORT

Trainers work to create a safe space for moms to ask sensitive questions related to their housing history and personal circumstances so that they receive all the knowledge they need.

RESOURCES NEEDED

- Incentives
- Legal Partners, Homeownership Partners
- Surveys
- Communication Platform with Fluid Presentations
- MOUs
- Renter Education handouts



INCREASED KNOWLEDGE

In pre- and post-education surveys, participants demonstrate increased knowledge about renting.



SELF-CONFIDENCE

Participants indicate increased self-confidence in their ability to be a successful renter and future homeowner in post-education surveys.

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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