SYSTEMS OF INEQUALITY: POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS

Transgender and gender non-conforming people are much more likely to be poor or homeless than the average person. This diagram shows how various factors combine into an interlocking system that keep many trans and gender non-conforming people in situations that are vulnerable and unequal.

Discrimination in hiring and workplace because few laws

Unequal access to benefits

because benefit applications

require I.D. which may show an

incorrect name or gender; if cut

off from welfare illegally, it's hard

to find trans-aware legal assistance

prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of gender identity; it's hard to find trans-aware legal assistance

Can't apply for jobs or **Drop out** due to harassment, violence access good employlow income Can't apply for school and/or discrimination at school **ment** due to lack of L.D. or access higher or because their I.D. Oľ **education** due to lack doesn't match the name no income barriers of LD, or because their or gender they live as I.D. doesn't match the to name or gender they education live as Persistent and severe medical **problems:** transphobic violence leads to increased mental health and medical problems. **Permanent housing** inaccessible due to No access to health care: housing discrimination trans people are often inadequate in private housing homeless or denied all treatment or market; low-income or no are afraid to seek care due at risk for housing options are health care to past mistreatment often gender-segregated, homelessness and trans people are rejected for placement **Trans-specific physical and** mental health care needs are **Bias, discrimination and ignorance Temporary housing Kicked out of home** because of abuse often not provided or covered in medicine: inappropriate and inaccessible often rejected from parents and foster parents; trans even if insured; shortage of harmful treatment, including from gender-segregated youth are not allowed to express their knowledgeable health care institutionalization and damaging, shelters or experience harassgender identity in gender-segregated professionals who can provide incompetent medical procedures ment and abuse at shelters group homes trans-specific care

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