## 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.

Can't apply for school or access higher education due to lack of I.D. or because their I.D. doesn't match the name or gender they live as

**Drop out** due to harassment, violence and/or discrimination at school

barriers to education

Permanent housing inaccessible due to housing discrimination in private housing market; low-income housing options are often gender-segregated, and trans people are rejected for placement

**Kicked out of home** because of abuse from parents and foster parents; trans youth are not allowed to express their gender identity in gender-segregated group homes

homeless or at risk for homelessness

**Temporary housing inaccessible** often rejected from gender-segregated shelters or experience harassment and abuse at shelters

**Discrimination in hiring and workplace because** few laws
prohibit employment
discrimination on the
basis of gender
identity; it's hard to
find trans-aware legal

assistance

low income or no income

inadequate

or no

health care

**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

Can't apply for jobs or access good employment due to lack of I.D. or because their I.D. doesn't match the name or gender they live as

**Persistent and severe medical problems:** transphobic violence leads to increased mental health and medical problems.

No access to health care:

trans people are often denied all treatment or are afraid to seek care due to past mistreatment

Bias, discrimination and ignorance

**in medicine:** inappropriate and harmful treatment, including institutionalization and damaging, incompetent medical procedures

Trans-specific physical and mental health care needs are

often not provided or covered even if insured; shortage of knowledgeable health care professionals who can provide trans-specific care