

THE INC HOMELESSNESS POSITION STATEMENT

INC Homelessness Working Group

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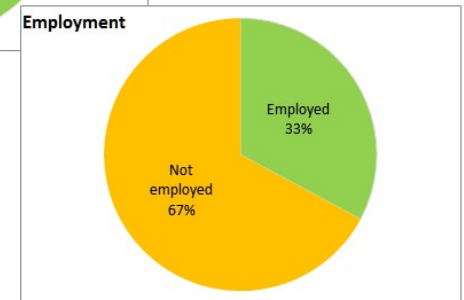
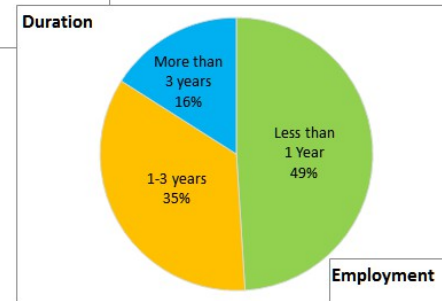
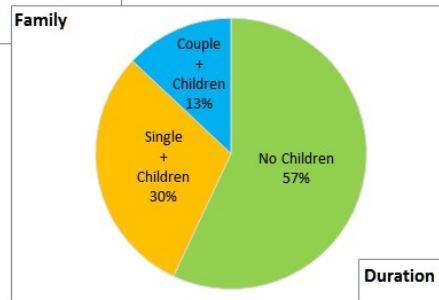
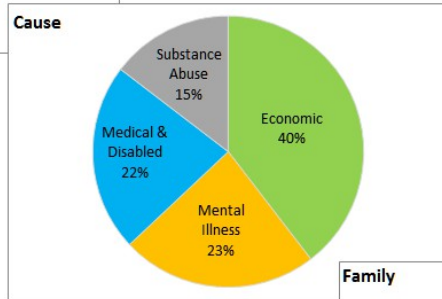
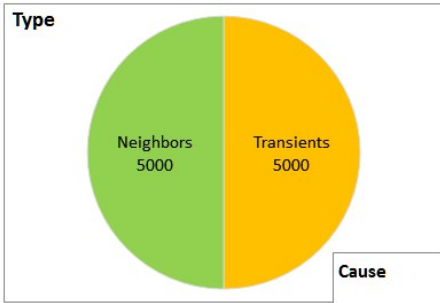
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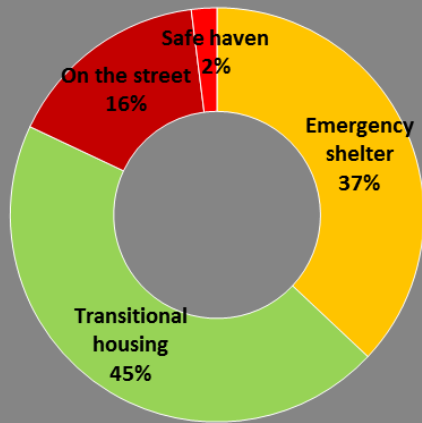
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The Opportunity: Dimensions of Homelessness

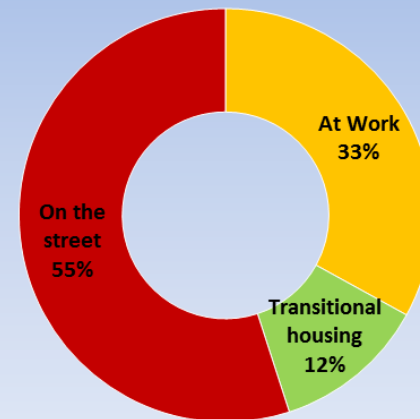


The current approach: centralized temporary shelter and services

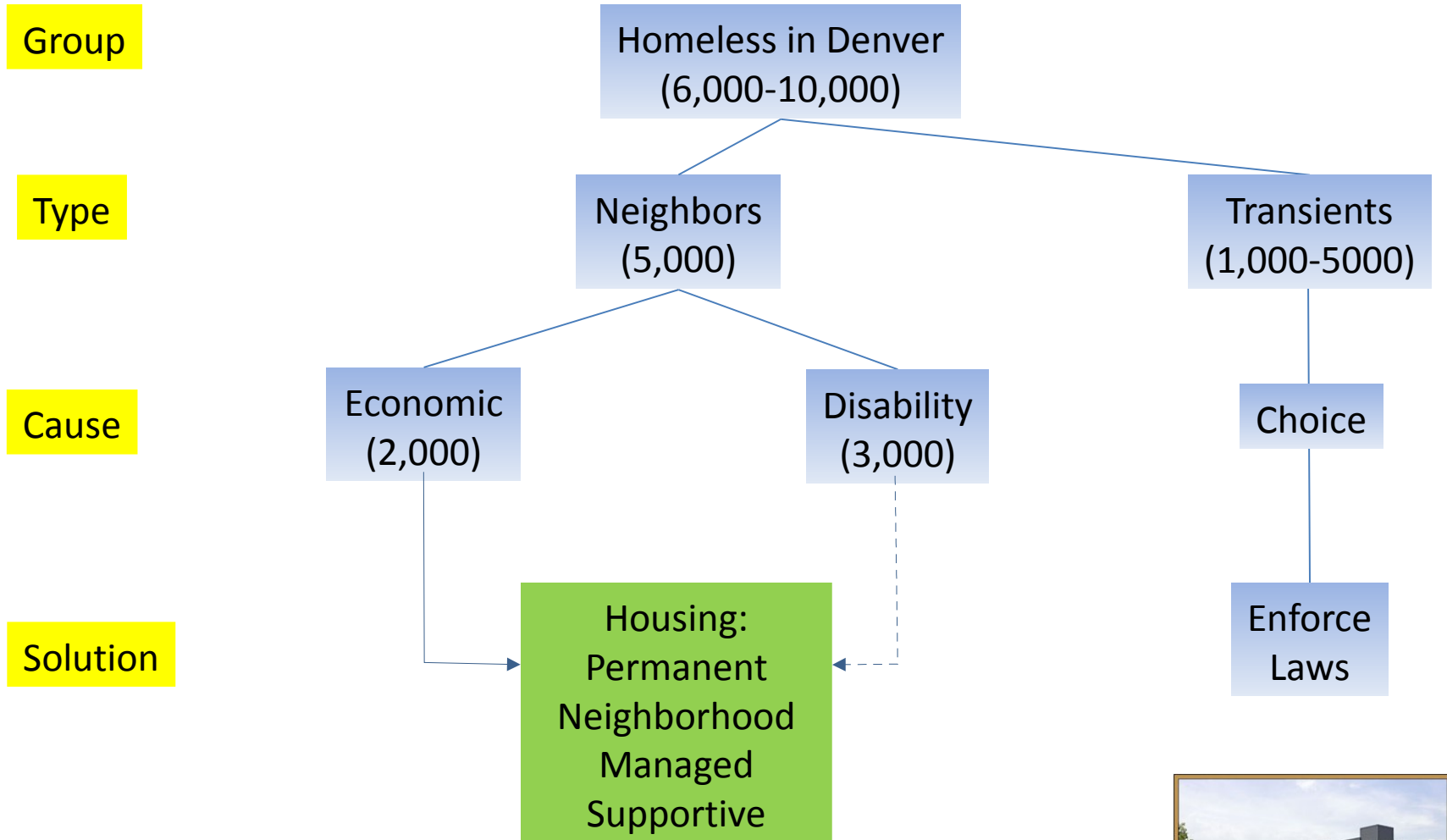
Where the homeless sleep in winter



Where the homeless spend winter days



The INC Model: Neighborhood Housing for our Homeless Neighbors



The INC funding model: bonds, mill levies, and grants

- How much do we need?
 - Capital: ~3000 housing units @ \$150,000 = \$450 million
 - Operation: ~100 supported staff @ \$200,000/year = \$20 million/year
- How could we do it?
 - Capital: Bonds, grants
 - We bonded \$600 million for the Justice Center
 - We bonded ~\$450 million for education
 - We voted \$476 million tax extension for the stock show
 - We “largely paid” \$400 million bond for Mile High Stadium
 - We forgo tax on \$818 million worth Tax Increment
 - Operation: Mill levy
 - We pay 85 mills today to raise \$1 billion/year



Homelessness in Denver – The INC Position Statement in Support of the “Housing First” Approach to Those Experiencing Homelessness

INC neighborhoods do not stand by and let neighbors endure the downward spiral, the rigors, the disruption, the dislocation, and the danger of homelessness.

INC supports "Housing First": immediate and permanent accommodation of homeless neighbors in professionally managed and professionally supported housing, with equitable and appropriate metro-wide distribution.

INC calls on the City to partner with neighborhoods to plan for, locate, and create funding to effectively develop, staff, operate, and maintain needed housing, using all sources of funding.