

■ THE PROBLEM

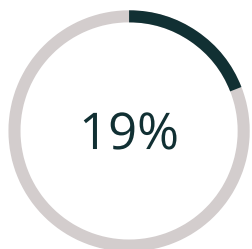
"Without key life skills, single mothers struggle with finding and keeping stable housing."



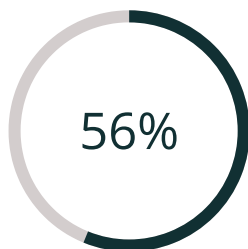
Issues

- Not understanding housing related life skills;
- Poor time management;
- Low nutritional and financial competency;
- Inadequate standards for cleanliness and regular maintenance;
- Difficulty maintaining positive neighbor or roommate relations;
- Poor use of community child care resources;

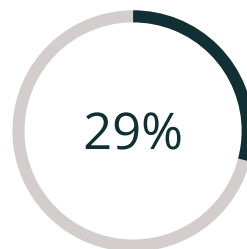
■ SIZE OF THE PROBLEM?



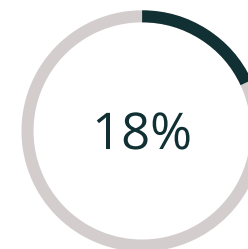
US women who are single mothers.



Single mothers at or below poverty.



Underemployed single mothers.



13 million US children are poor.

■ CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROBLEM?

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For children living in poverty, mental and physical growth are stunted.

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Evictions and troubled neighborhoods degrade the community.

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Health costs, crime and inequality rise in low income areas.

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Human productivity, which is 70% of the US GDP, declines.

■ SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM



Our Solution

Human Ecology education programs in every U.S. school system for successful independent living, not only for single mothers but for every future adult. Life challenges will come for all. We have chosen this because research proves it is more effective to prevent poverty with knowledge and life skills than to rely on public assistance to treat later.

Specifically

We propose a consumer science-based, life-learning, educational program, Human Ecology - K-14, to teach life skills, specifically: health and wellness, financial competency, household management, consumer law, complex social systems, education and employment readiness, and personal presentation. Children in the lower grades must learn the tools of a grounded, resilient life, as we face increasing social and natural challenges.

■ WHY CHOOSE THIS SOLUTION?



We believe in our solution because:

- Understanding and meeting human needs is the universal base for a successful democracy and economy.
- The first purpose of education is to teach humans about being human, find a life path, and then to be a good worker.
- Human Ecology under different titles has been historically validated in many countries, for many centuries.
- The public education system is the efficient, cost-effective, existing delivery system for Human Ecology education.
- It is human-centered and interdisciplinary with proven teaching methods, behavioral interventions and outcomes.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM PLANNING

START

Plan program curricula for skills and knowledge needed by all people;

Design specific age-related course content for lower middle and upper grades;

Include interests and aptitude tests prior to transition to adulthood;

Determine space, facilities, personnel, and funding required;

Design follow-up tracking of graduates.

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AGENDA

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Submit Human Ecology program proposal for curriculum approval;

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Engage community and parental support;

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Develop future funding tracks, grants, government subsidies;

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Engage facilities planning team;

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Hire personnel and schedule courses.