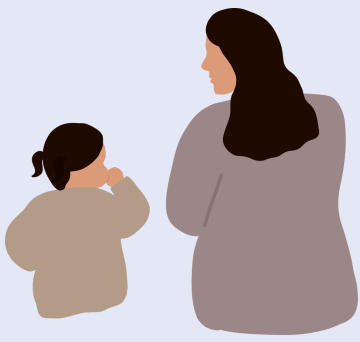




# WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND STABILITY PROGRAM

## SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### Program Overview

The Women and Children's Safety and Stability Program is a fictional community-based program supporting women and children who are fleeing domestic violence, experiencing homelessness, or facing immediate housing and family instability. The program is designed to support immediate safety and stabilization while helping families build pathways toward longer-term security.

The program provides crisis navigation, short-term housing support, safety planning, case management, child and family support, benefits navigation, legal referrals, employment and income support referrals, and connections to longer-term housing and community resources.

### Social Value Created

**\$1 : \$4.40**

**For every \$1 invested in the Women and Children's Safety and Stability Program, the program generated an estimated \$4.40 in social and economic value.**

When women and children receive timely support, the benefits may extend beyond immediate crisis response. The program may help reduce housing instability, improve access to benefits and legal supports, reduce repeated emergency service use, and lessen disruption for children.

The strongest areas of value in this sample were connected to housing stability, reduced reliance on crisis services, and improved access to stabilizing supports. These outcomes are especially important because they can reduce the likelihood that families experience repeated cycles of crisis, displacement, or service fragmentation.

### Key Outcomes Included in the Valuation

#### Increased housing stability

Participants were supported to access temporary, transitional, or longer-term housing options and reduce immediate housing instability.

#### Reduced reliance on crisis services

The program contributed to reduced use of emergency accommodation, crisis response, or repeated urgent service navigation.

#### Improved access to income, benefits, and legal supports

Participants received assistance connecting to benefits, employment supports, legal referrals, and other stabilizing resources.

#### Reduced disruption for children

Children experienced improved continuity in school, care routines, or connection to supportive services.

#### Improved family stabilization and service connection

Families were better connected to community resources, case planning, and coordinated supports.



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## Stakeholders Included in the SROI Analysis

| Type of Stakeholder Group          | Social and Economic Value Created                                                                             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Women participating in the program | Increased safety planning, housing stability, access to income and legal supports, reduced crisis involvement |
| Children                           | Reduced disruption, improved school stability, increased connection to supportive services                    |
| Families                           | Improved stability, reduced emergency needs, increased access to community supports                           |
| Emergency and public systems       | Reduced use of crisis accommodation, emergency response, and urgent service pathways                          |
| Community partners                 | Improved coordination and referral pathways                                                                   |

## Program Highlights

Between 2024 and 2025:

- 185 women and 260 children were supported by the program
- 82% of participating families secured emergency, transitional, or longer-term housing support
- 98% of women developed a safety and stabilization plan with program staff
- 74% of families were connected to income, legal, childcare, health, or community-based supports
- 81% of families that exited the program completed at least one major stabilization goal



## SROI Summary

The Women and Children's Safety and Stability Program creates value by helping families move from crisis toward greater stability, connection, and support. The sample SROI ratio of \$1 : \$4.40 suggests that investments in timely, family-centered support can create meaningful value across participants, children, public systems, and community partners.

The findings also show that some of the most important value created by this work may not appear in standard reporting. Reduced disruption, avoided crisis involvement, improved access to support, and increased stability are all central to the program's value, even when they are difficult to capture through simple output measures.

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