ICPH’s 2016 Beyond Housing conference featured over 50 breakout sessions—nearly 60 organizations from across the United States and Canada shared their experiences, models, ideas, challenges, successes, and lessons learned in working to both alleviate the impact of homelessness on families and to eliminate family homelessness altogether. These are a few excerpts from the presentations.

To view these presentations and more online, visit http://beyondhousing.ICPHusa.org/conferencearchive/2016/

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The solution to family homelessness is to break the cycle of poverty for the family.

*from Exceptional Results in Helping Homeless Families Achieve Economic Independence*

Challenges and Solutions: What serves the families, not the system.

*from Providing Optimal Services to Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness*

Funding does not equal access for homeless children. Cities and states that have expanded universal pre-K still face challenges of raising awareness and encouraging participation among homeless families.

*from The American Almanac of Family Homelessness State Rankings*

One out of every four children in school has been exposed to a traumatic event that can affect learning and/or behavior.

*from The Impact of Learning Circles on Collaborative Work*

When we put on our “trauma glasses” and try to look at why people are acting in a certain way, we start to think about and talk about people and their behaviors differently.

*from Concrete Strategies for Becoming Trauma-informed*

Use language to boost executive function in preschoolers by prompting students to explain their thinking: How did you know that was the answer? Why did you choose that answer?

*from Building Resiliency in Preschoolers in a Homeless Shelter Setting by Focusing on Executive Functioning Skills*

The cultural influence of parenting styles may differ widely and needs to be understood in the context of coping with trauma.

*from Trauma-informed Design: Creating Family Friendly Play Spaces in a Shelter Setting*

Addressing the root causes of housing instability is the critical component to family stability.

*from Stable Housing Makes for Stable Families: Lessons Learned in Bridgeport, Connecticut*

A homeless youth might need the following to complete college: financial and housing assistance; basic needs; academic, career, and mental health support.

*from Supporting College Completion for Students Experiencing Homelessness*

Early intervention is essential to reducing the risk for school failure, delinquency in adolescence, and long-term social and emotional problems.

*from Therapeutic Shadowing with Children Experiencing Homelessness*

How do we define success? One woman, one youth, one child at a time.

*from Effective Programming for High Special Needs Women and Children Who Are Homeless*

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