### 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 keeps 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 harrassment, violence and/or discrimination at school

barriers to education

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## low income

no income

#### 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

# 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

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Discrimination in

hiring and workplace because few laws

prohibit employment

discrimination on the

identity; it's hard to

find trans-aware legal

basis of gender

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

### homelessness or at risk for homelessness

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

inadequate or no health care

Bias, discrimination and ignorance in medicine: inappropriate and harmful treatment, including institutionalization and damaging, incompetent medical procedures

### No access to health care:

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

### 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

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