

Women and Children

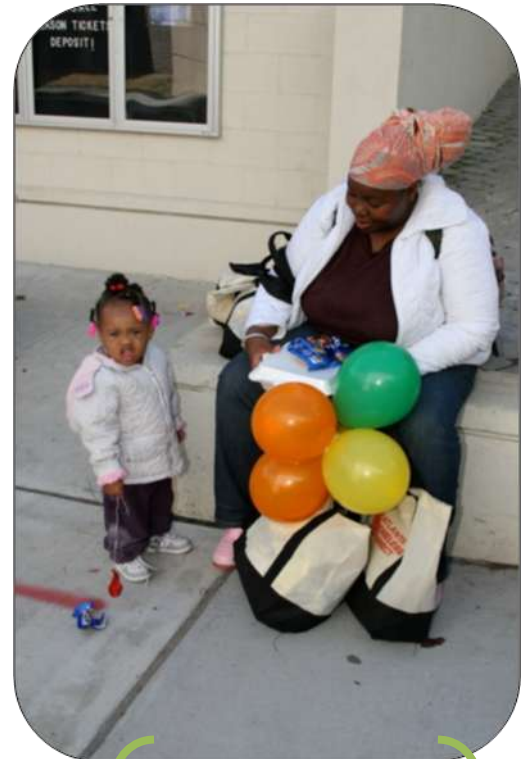
There has been a rapid increase in the amount of homeless women and children in the metro Atlanta area. Because of the sudden rise in numbers of this demographic, the Regional Commission on Homelessness has taken several steps to specifically help homeless women and children. There are numerous reasons for homelessness, and this demographic is no different. Whether it is because a woman is a victim of domestic violence, job loss, a youth is not accepted because of his or her sexuality, or a family misses a rent payment, women and children's homelessness is being addressed.

What are the facts?

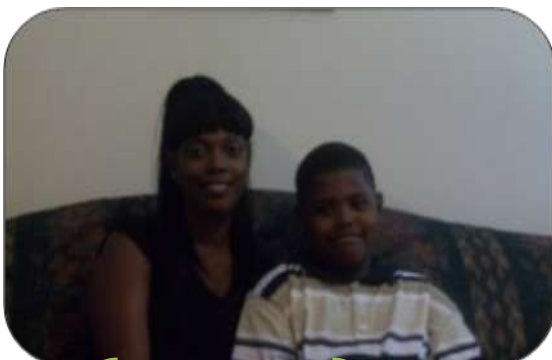
- Women and children are the fastest growing demographic within the homeless community.
- According to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 40 percent of the homeless population is comprised of families.
- According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, families become homeless as a result of unforeseen financial crisis such as a medical bill, a car accident, or a family death.
- About 85,000 families experience homelessness each night nationally.

What's *actually* being done?

- Over 600 new housing units exist specifically for women and children.
- Instituted and centralized the case management system to focus on women and children's specific needs.
- Increased case management through Fulton County for several projects such as City of Refuge and Traveler's Aid.
- A council dedicated specifically to women and children was created.
 - More than 12,000 people have been reunited with family or loved ones.



A mother and her daughter utilizing some community resources



Two clients that found permanent housing

Would you like to help?

If you would like to help this cause, please don't hesitate to get involved—give, advocate, volunteer.

For more information on homeless women and children, contact **Phil Hunter** at 404.614.1042 or phunter@uwma.org.