

## STABILITY IN HOUSING

Position Statement

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Rising rents, rapidly declining numbers of low-income housing units, and slow wage growth have all contributed to homelessness and transiency.

When affordable housing is not available, family stability is affected; housing is affordable when families pay less than 30 percent of their income for housing; when families pay more than that, they are considered cost burdened and may experience difficulties meeting other basic needs such as food, clothing, transportation or medical care, and many families have to break up when entering homelessness in order to be sheltered.

As is the case with intergenerational poverty, homelessness and transiency is often intergenerational and ending it requires more than a place to sleep, just as ending intergenerational poverty requires more than financial resources.

Therefore, Utah PTA supports adequate funding for federal and state housing programs that increase the number of affordable housing units and Permanent Housing Options as researched and proven long term solutions for homelessness and transiency.