

# HOW DOES A FAMILY IN DUPAGE COUNTY BECOME HOMELESS?

Through research and study, Bridge Communities has discovered a list of patterns and obstacles that appear to be significant factors which cause homelessness in DuPage County. They are:

- High rate of domestic abuse
- Poor relationship choices
- Bad credit, high debt
- Lack of budgeting skills
- Depression
- Poor Education, undiagnosed learning disabilities
- Lack of professional training or expertise
- Decision making framed through a short-term, survival type of lens
- Lack of understanding of long-term consequences from poor decision making choices.
- Inability to set goals and plan for more secure future