

Homelessness

As ye have done it unto one of the least of
these my brethren...

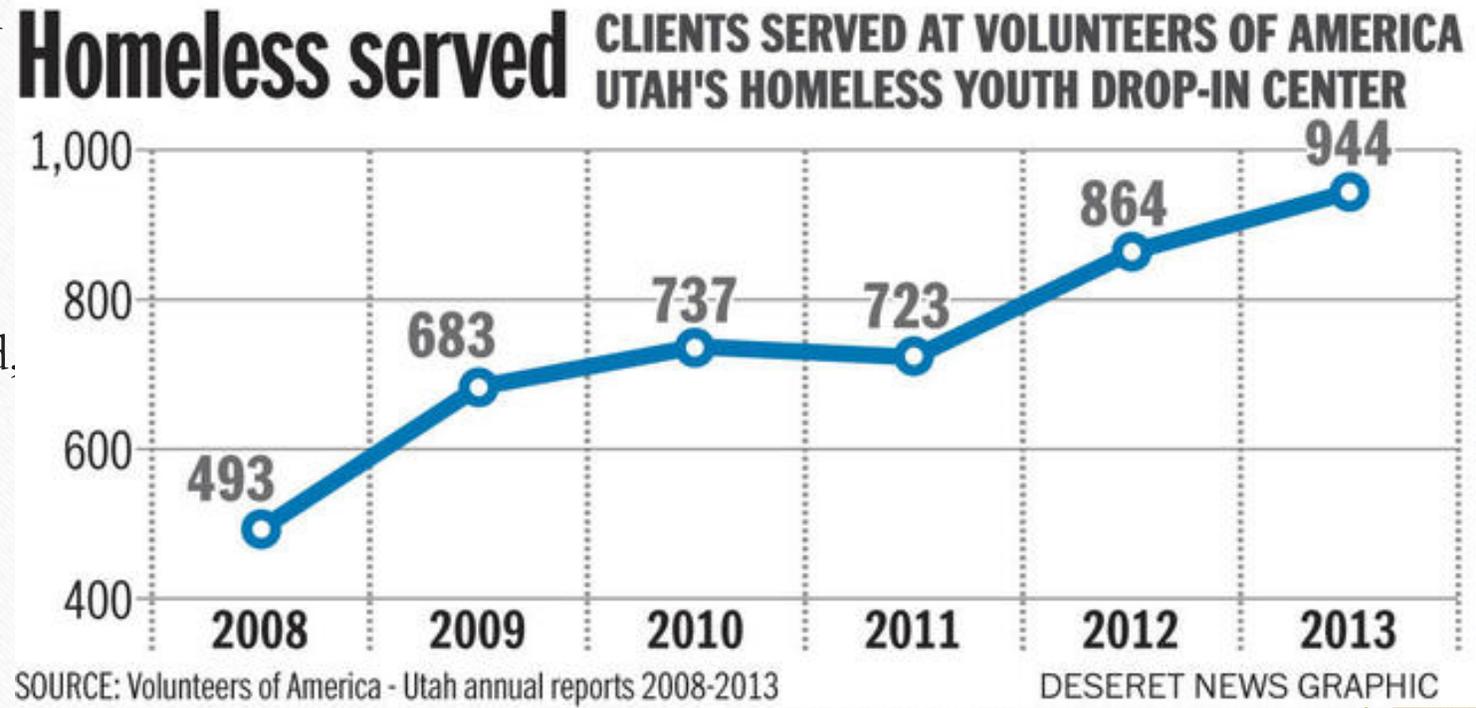
HB 436, HB 328, SB 169

Note: I'll embed one of the two videos

- <http://fox13now.com/2014/10/19/advocates-working-to-help-utahs-homeless-youth-say-winter-is-coming/>
- <http://www.good4utah.com/news/local-news/more-than-800-homeless-children-in-washington-county>

Homelessness: must acknowledge the problem

- 11,280 homeless students in Utah
 - (UT State Office of Ed)
- Washington County School Dist: 833 homeless students
 - Living with another family or friend, shelter (DOVE or Switchpoint), “camping”
- **14,516 Utahns will experience homelessness in 2015**



Homelessness: must define the problem

- People experiencing homelessness cost \$30-50,000/yr at hospitals, jails, & crisis centers*
- Problem #1: No focus on prevention & distribution
- Problem #2: Crisis & arrival at emergency shelter
- Problem #3: “One-size-fits-all” emergency services model
 - What about families and children?
 - What about working single adults?
 - What about domestic violence victims?
 - What about people with disabilities?

Our homeless neighbors

40%

Families with children

30%

Domestic violence victims

88%
are from
Utah

30%

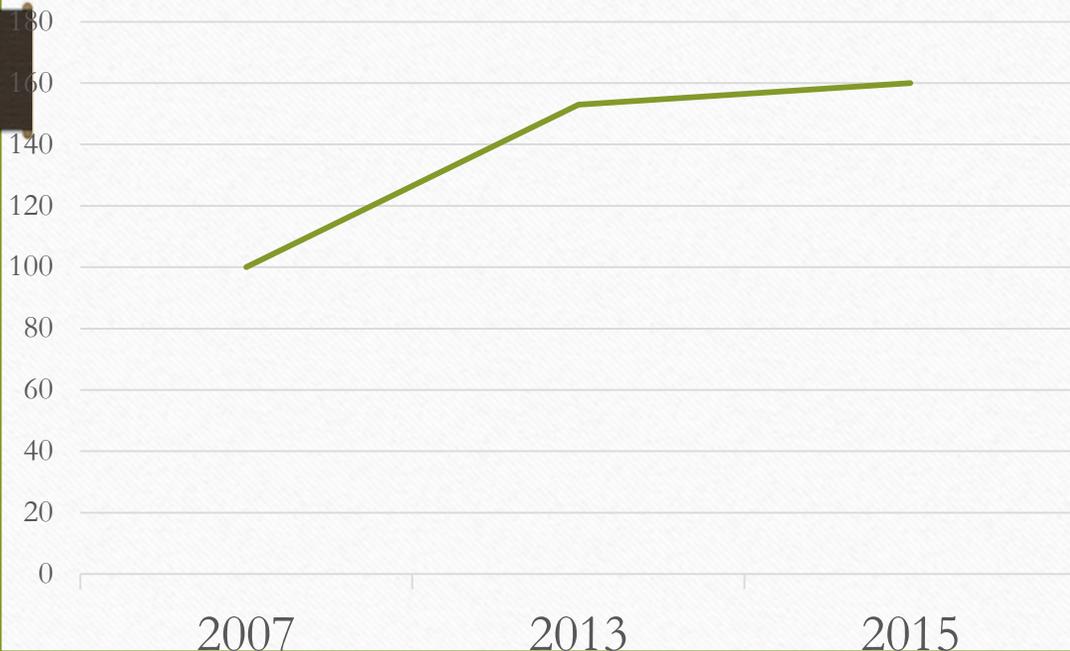
Families with persons
with disabilities

46,036

Necessary extreme low
income units statewide

Homeless children in Utah

Homeless Children in Utah



- 2x more likely to have a learning disability
- 3x more likely to have an emotional disturbance
- 4.5x more likely to drop out of school
- Every time a child changes schools, he/she loses 4-6 months academically

We are all in this together

HB 436: Housing & Homeless Reform Initiative

- \$27 mill over 3 years; legislature appropriated \$9.25 mill this year
- State Homelessness Coordinating Committee, chaired by Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox
 - Distribute funds, subject to approval by Executive Appropriations
 - Set criteria/guidelines
 - Determine timing, process, & guidelines by which communities can access funding
- Facility construction in Salt Lake County
- Homeless prevention & diversion efforts statewide

HB 328: Housing & Homeless Amendments: data roadmap for Coordinating Committee

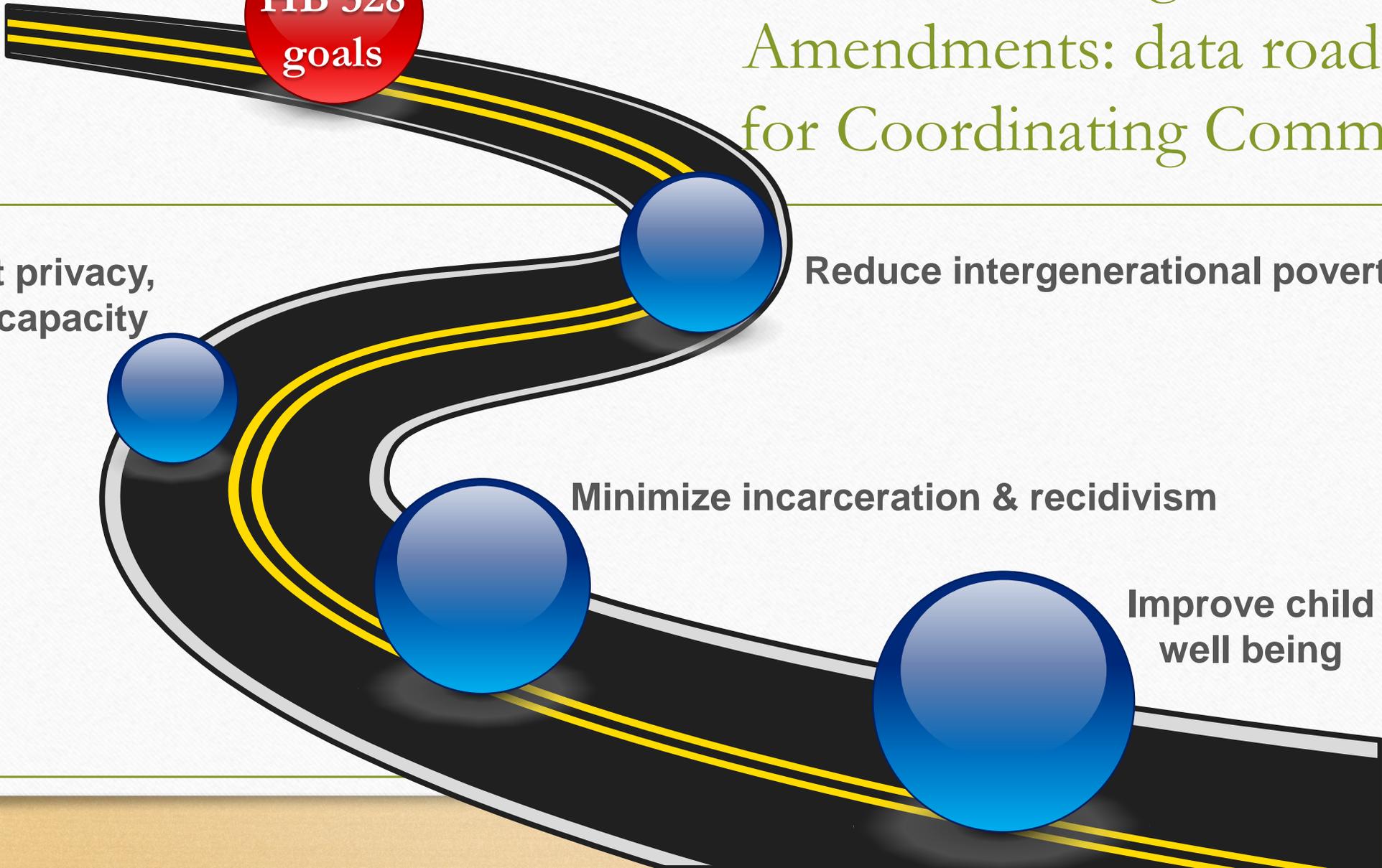
**HB 328
goals**

**Client privacy,
data capacity**

Reduce intergenerational poverty

Minimize incarceration & recidivism

**Improve child
well being**



SB 169: Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund

- Align purposes/uses of Olene Walker Housing Trust Fund with the statewide goal to minimize homelessness
- Prohibition on city from adopting an ordinance that prohibits a homeless shelter from operating year-round



HOMES Initiative: Minimize homelessness

Solution #1: (HB 436, SB 169)

Utah-driven, housing-based prevention & diversion program that prioritizes families, children, & workers

Solution #2: (HB 436)

Develop & support TWO emergency resource facilities (1 for families, 1 for single men/women)

Solution #3: (HB 328, HB 436)

Data-driven, coordinated-entry system, common assessment tool

Solution #1: Diversion programs

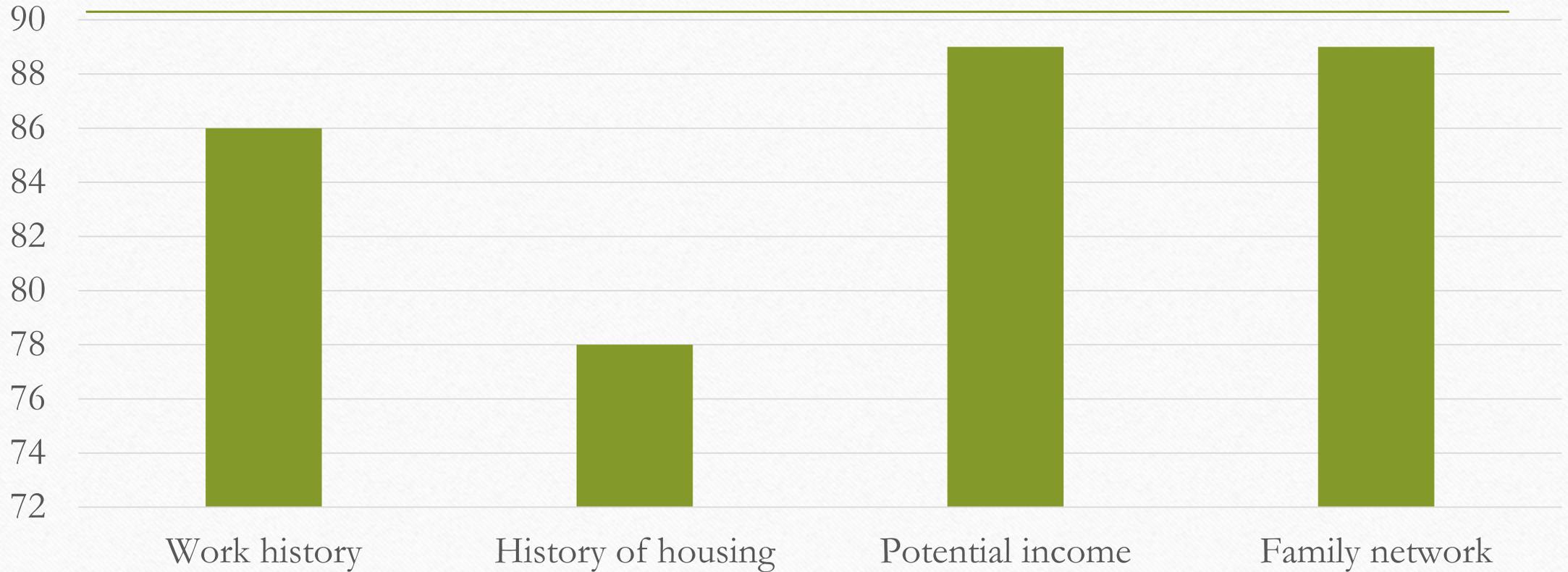
Salt Lake Community Action Program (with The Road Home & United Way 211)

- Diversion specialist meets family at the shelter door & helps people identify alternatives
 - Housing
 - Financial assistance
 - Other services
- Goal: safely divert 25% of the approximately 680 families entering the shelter

From Nov 1, 2015 to Feb 16, 2016, 51/110 assessed families diverted from shelter

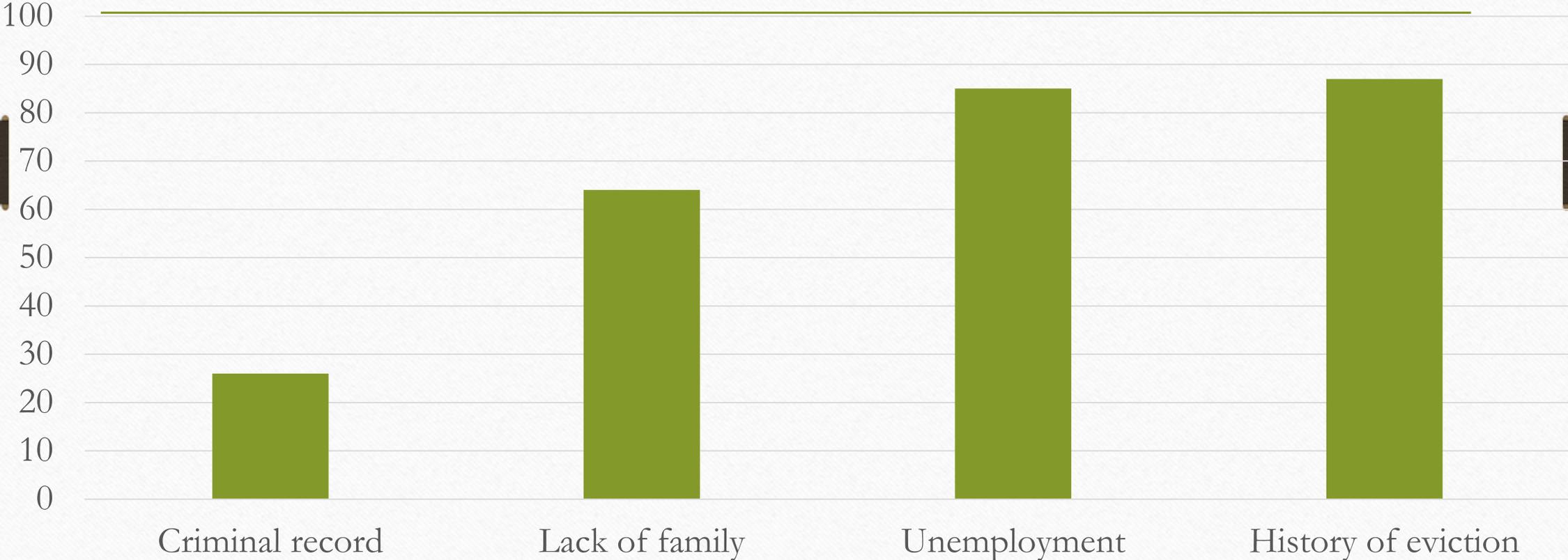
Solution #1: Strengths of current diversion

% OF PEOPLE WITH THESE TRAITS



Solution #1: Barriers to current diversion

% OF PEOPLE WITH THESE TRAITS



Solution #2: Develop 2 new emergency facilities

Status quo: one-size-fits-all shelter

Future: 2 new shelters in SL County
(separate sites) with appropriate services

- 1 smaller facility for families & children
- 1 smaller facility for single men/women



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Solution #3: Data-driven; coordinated entry system with other state systems



Department of
Workforce Services



Why is 2016 different?

- Year long study by all stakeholders on Collective Impact on Homelessness Steering Committee & Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission
 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Catholic Diocese
 - Crossroads Urban Center YWCA The Road Home
 - Goldman Sachs Intermountain Healthcare Salt Lake Chamber
 - Salt Lake City Veterans Administration Salt Lake County
- Comprehensive effort to align programs & funding and use common metrics
- State Homelessness Coordinating Committee



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The key to helping our homeless population is to never let them fall through the cracks.



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