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Domestic Violence and Women's Homelessness: Promising Practices, Lessons Learned, and Sheltering Futures

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Land Acknowledgment



Presentation Outline

- ① Domestic violence and homelessness
- ② Promising practices
- ③ Ongoing systemic issues
- ④ The shelter of the future



Goals & Objectives

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Learn

2

Strategize

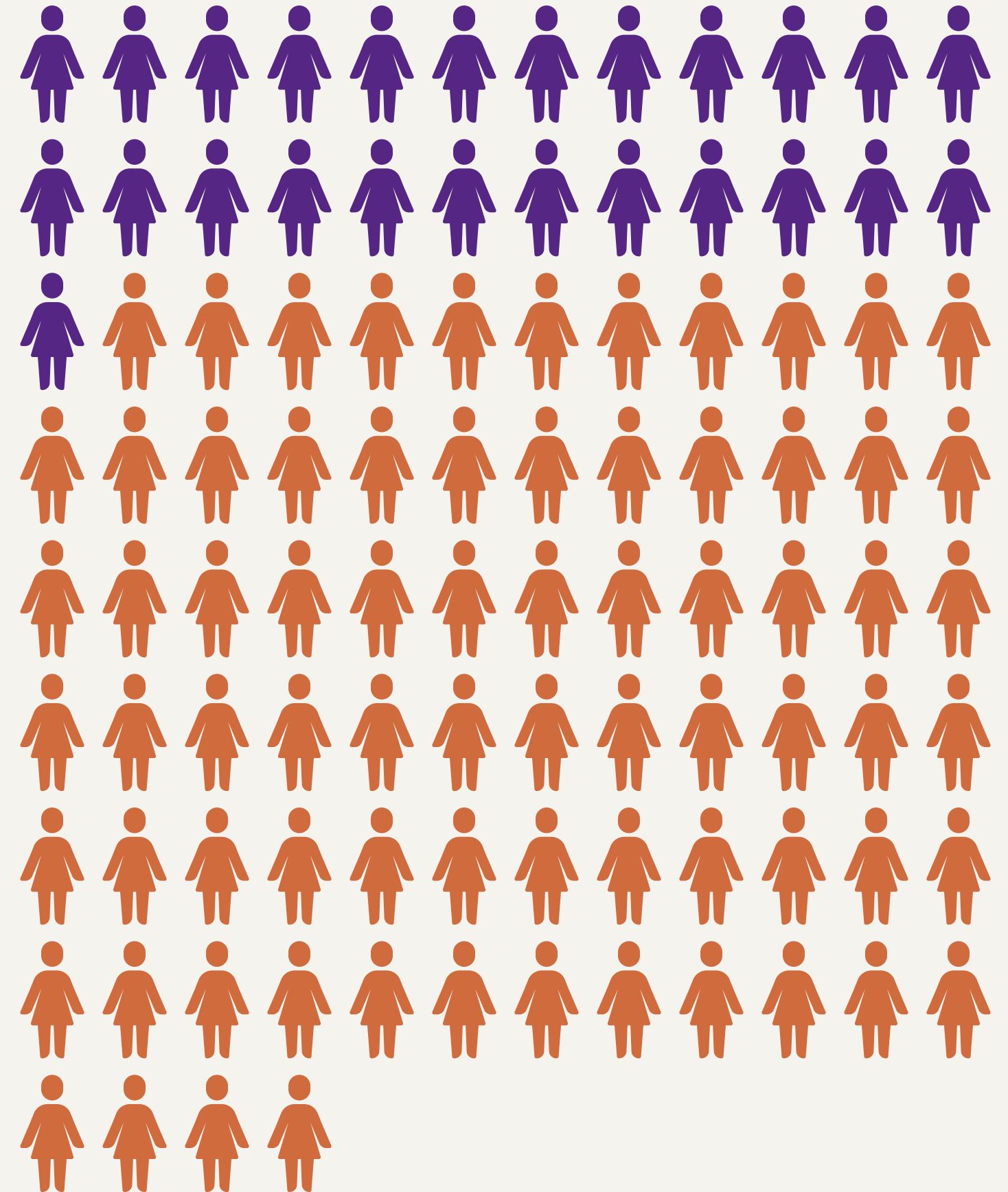
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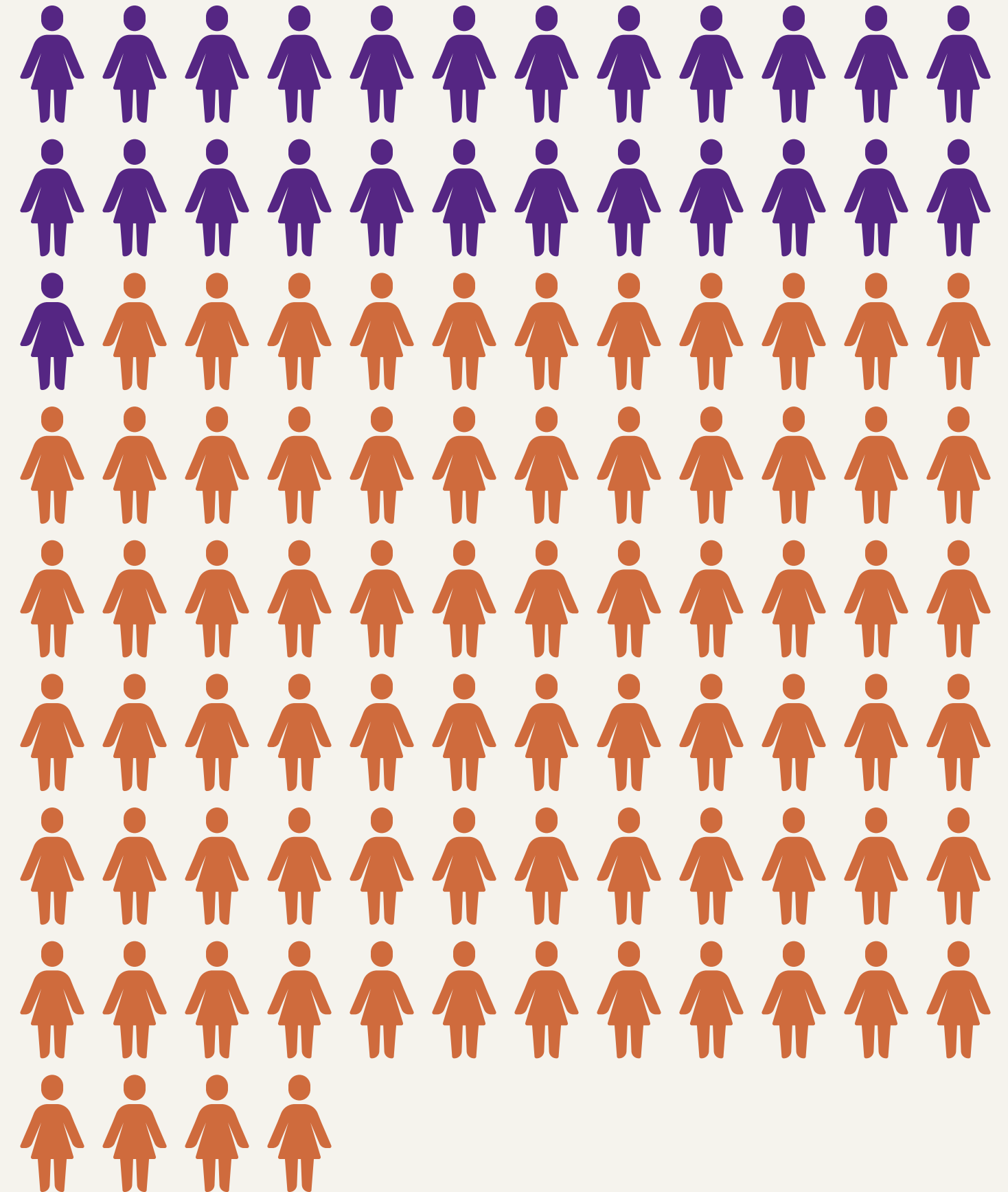
Domestic Violence and Homelessness

At least 1/4



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More than 21,000



Domestic Violence and Homelessness

4,247





Unique Needs





Safety



Unique Needs

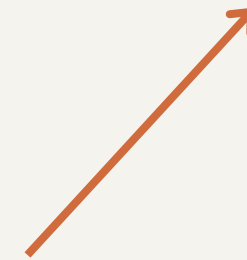




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Children

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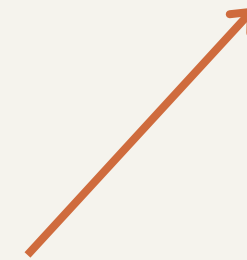


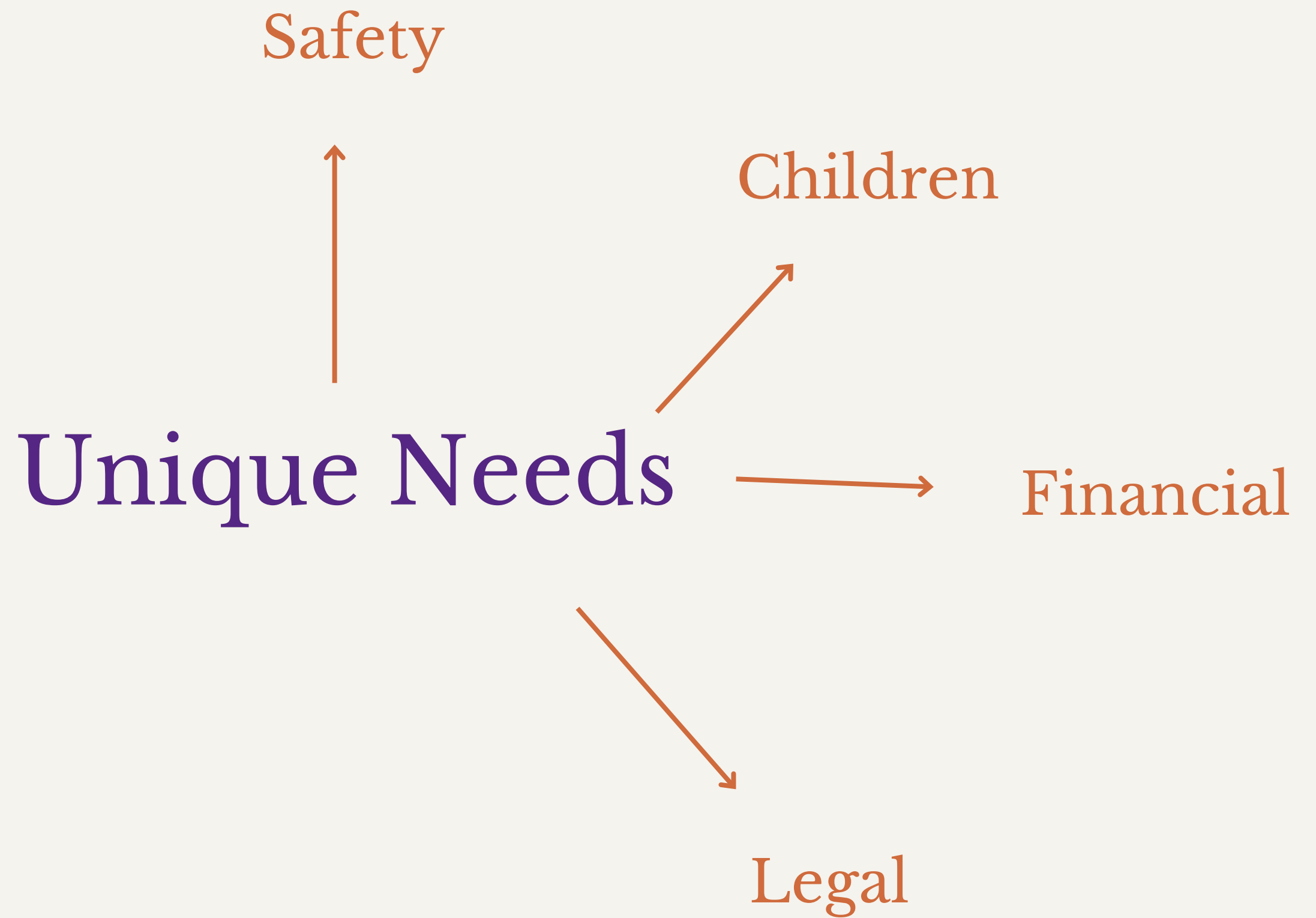
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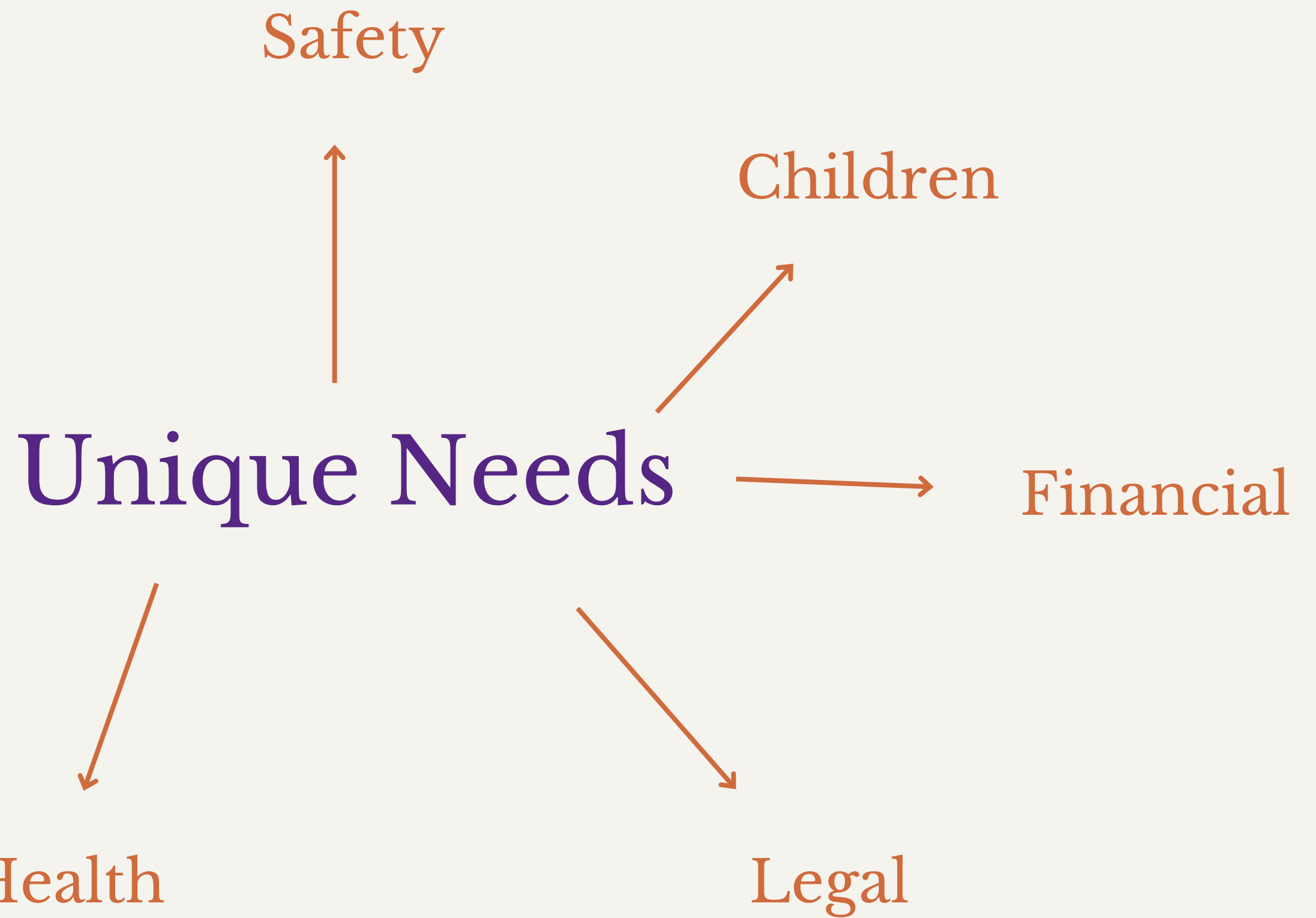
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Financial







Domestic Violence Shelters



Security



Programming



Children



Successes



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6% Return to abusive
situation



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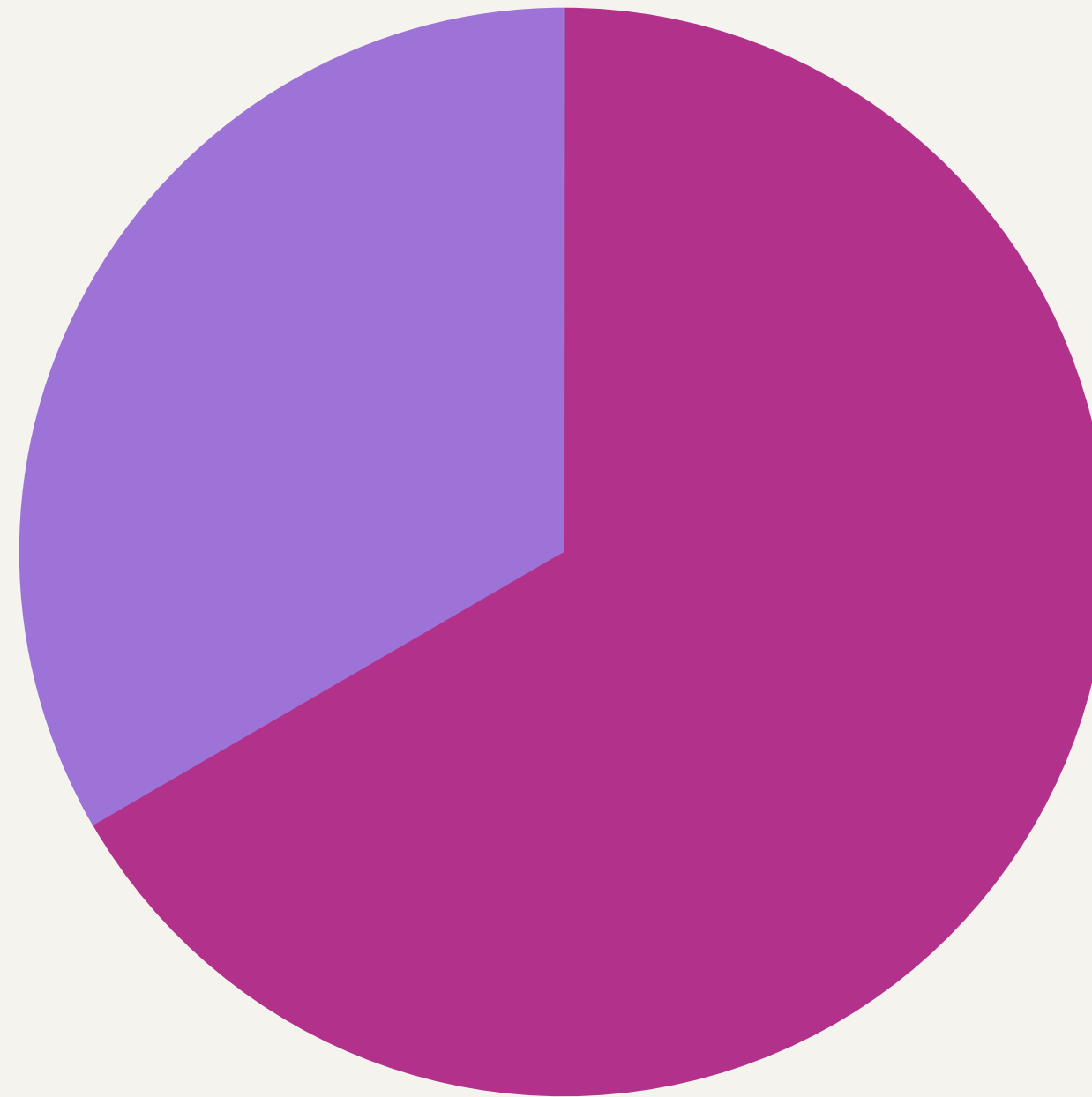


- Lack of affordable housing
- Inadequate funding
- Lack of shelter spaces



Turn-aways

9,577 Children



19,116 Women
and seniors



Shelter of the Future



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Hub model



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Physical spaces that are trauma-informed and inclusive



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