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Homelessness is an appealing problem for the entire world, but even more appalling is the problem of family homelessness, and even more obvious it which becomes more evident in industrialized countries. It is very well known, that among such the US enjoys the shameful superiority. In search of an excuse, one may speak of the relative figures being much more appropriate relevant for this sort of a discussion than the absolute ones, and the latter being determined by the size and the population of the country as well as its attractiveness to immigrants from all over the world. But in fact, it does not provide for an excuse or a reasonable explanation. Instead, it reveals a bunch of other problems, which the society faces. But leaving emotions aside, one ought to address figures and facts in order to set a diagnosis reach a conclusion. Thus, over one-third of all homeless people is are comprised by of homeless families in the United States. As many as 200 thousand children nation-wide have no place to live (Welch-Lazoritz, 2015). It is also important to remark, that when speaking of single homeless people, one should realize, that, in fact, in the majority of cases they also are related to families which who are homeless and, strictly speaking, should be counted towards the homeless families. There is another aspect, aside from pure figures and facts, which makes the research about homeless families outstandingly important. Empirically, it is obvious, that individual homelessness may in every particular case have individual grounds and reasons behind it. Meanwhile, homeless families represent a systematic problem within the society. Homeless families represent a phenomenon of sociological nature, which requires utmost thorough investigation in order to be understood and in order to take respective measures and improvements. to bring the phenomenon to its potential minimum.

Having arranged a mini review for the sake of development of this research paper, we have come to a conclusion that domestic violence is a significant contributor into

homelessness among families. And in this respect, it is important to remember that in many instances a homeless family is not a full family. It does not contain a woman, a man and their children. Instead, it is in the majority of cases a woman with her children. In some instances, these are the children of different men. Not rarely, they have been born as a result of sexual abuse. In order to develop a primary understanding of the problem, a literary review of the articles related to the subject was undertaken. Here are six entries related to respective publications, which appeared to be the most appealing among the ones reviewed.

Among other publications, it is necessary to emphasize the importance of the article by Arangua et al. (2005). ~~The authors of the publication underline in which it is emphasized~~ that mental health remains not only an important issue for the homeless women, but also, and even more importantly, is among the most important and influential factors which cause homelessness among women and their children. Another aspect of this problem is that in many instances it is a factor, which turns individual homelessness of women into family homelessness since the hardship of the woman is what is often being taken advantage ~~over of~~ by criminals and, as a result, a woman becomes pregnant. Together with her future child, such a woman is to form another one of the homeless families, the ones with particularly severe circumstances and requiring utmost attention and care from ~~the side of~~ social services and psychological support. Such care and support not only meet the primary needs of such a family, but also make an input into prevention of new homeless families from emerging. ~~Still though, evidently certainly, such~~ these measures alone are not sufficient. Homeless families, especially ~~the ones such~~ in which mothers suffer from mental disorders, in many instances accompanied by substance use disorders, require sound measures and actions from ~~the side of~~ NGOs and governmental bodies.

Richards et al. (2011) developed another one of the publications, dedicated to the health issues as they are related to the style of life of homeless families and deviations in their

psychological well-being which may oftentimes serve as a cause of their homeless status. Mental disorders are reported to be much more ~~frequent in~~ ~~important for~~ homeless women than ~~in for the~~ general homeless population, authors have found. It is reported that 30% of ~~the~~ homeless population suffer from mental disorders, while for homeless women this percentage is twice as ~~big high~~. Another important fact, cited by Richards et al. (2011) is that single homeless women ~~much easier~~ share their information related to their mental disorders ~~more easily~~ when compared to women with children. This means that they have, in a way, better chances of receiving proper medical care.

Zugazaga (2004) in her publication related to homeless women ~~also attract~~ ~~brings~~ the attention of the readers to the fact that homeless women are almost by fifty per cent more frequently arrested and incarcerated, than men. For the similar deviant behavior, women are more likely to receive severer punishment ~~when~~ compared to men. This is not only a manifestation of injustice. This ~~makes up is~~ another factor, contributing ~~into~~ homelessness of women and emerging homeless families.

Jasinski (2007) ~~brings up~~ ~~speaks of~~ another ~~utmost significant issue~~ ~~important factor~~ which contributes towards the statistic we are familiar with as related to family homelessness. It seems to be that in many instances, childhood abuse turns to be not only a factor which contributes into a woman's homelessness, but also a factor, which contributes into her future acceptance of violence towards her. This, in turn, may contribute towards the birth of children who turn single homeless women into ~~a members~~ of ~~a~~ homeless families.

Williams (1998) speaks of another important factor, such being domestic violence, as a primary cause of family homelessness both in the United States and abroad. In many instances, domestic violence causes women to leave their homes and prefer homelessness to the horrors of domestic life. In many instances, a woman leaves home with a child or children, thus forming a homeless family.

Another, not less ~~significant~~ important factor, is indicated ~~at~~ by Welch-Lazoritz et al. (2015). According to their findings, homeless women do not provide proper education to their children which allows them, and this particularly refers to females, to become victims of violence, production of undesired children and thus, into contribution into further spread of the problem. In general, lack of information and lack of affordable housing is what keeps homeless families in the streets of the cities, even though the factors which bring them into the streets are somewhat different, though somewhat related to the ones mentioned above.

In general, it is important to emphasize, that homeless families represent a significant challenge for American society. Despite all the prosperity, which attracts immigrants from all over the world into United States, and to some degree due to this attractiveness for the immigrants, the United States remains to be a country, in which homelessness remains to be a global issue. All the information stated above indicates ~~at~~ the need to continue the research and seek a deeper understanding of this sociological problem in an attempt to find more effective solutions and preventive measures. Such preventive mechanisms and solutions are impossible to be found within such a short research paper, but it is capable of showing the depth and the significance of the issue in focus.

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