Educational Rights of Youth Impacted by Homelessness

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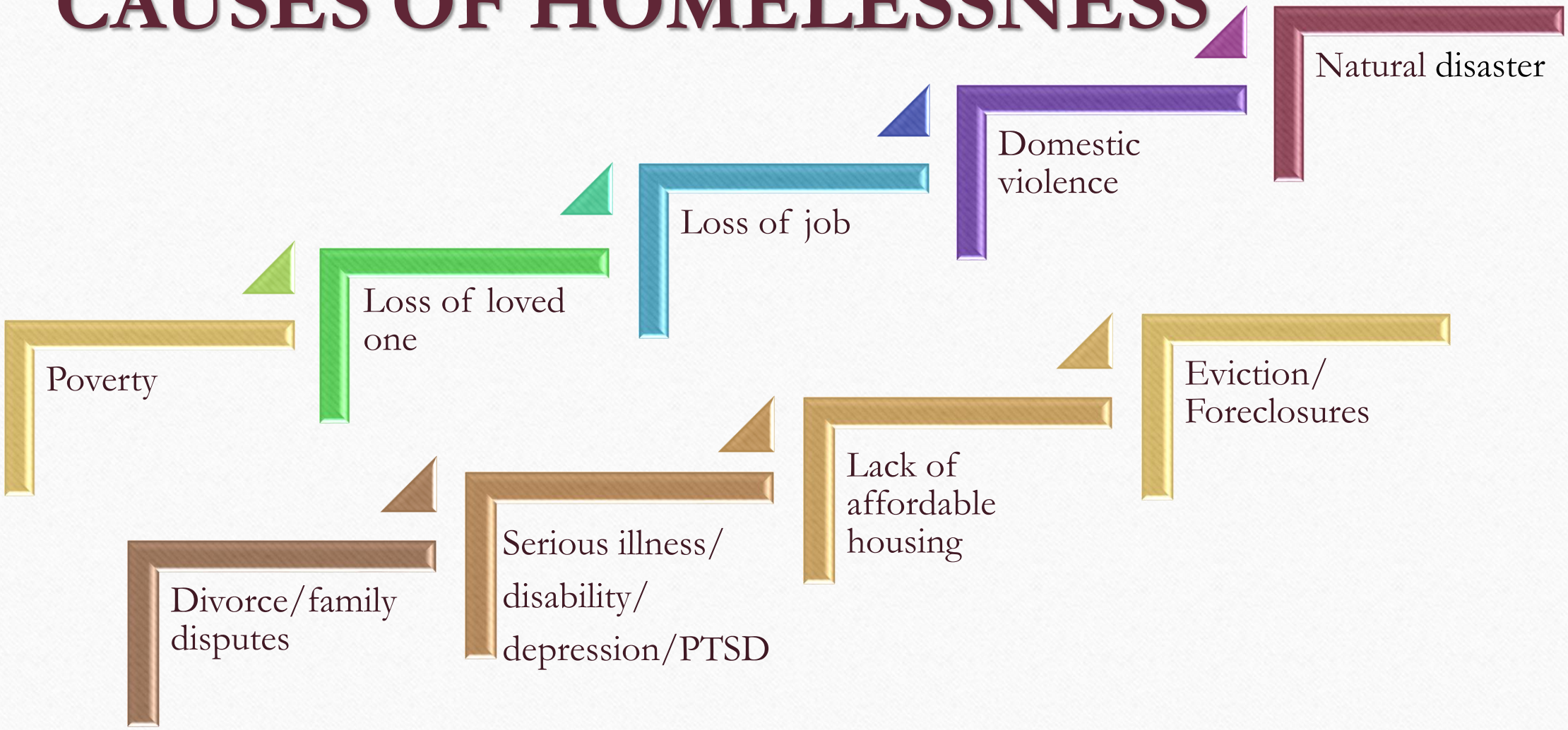
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CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS



NATIONAL DATA

2.3% of all school-age children will experience homelessness1

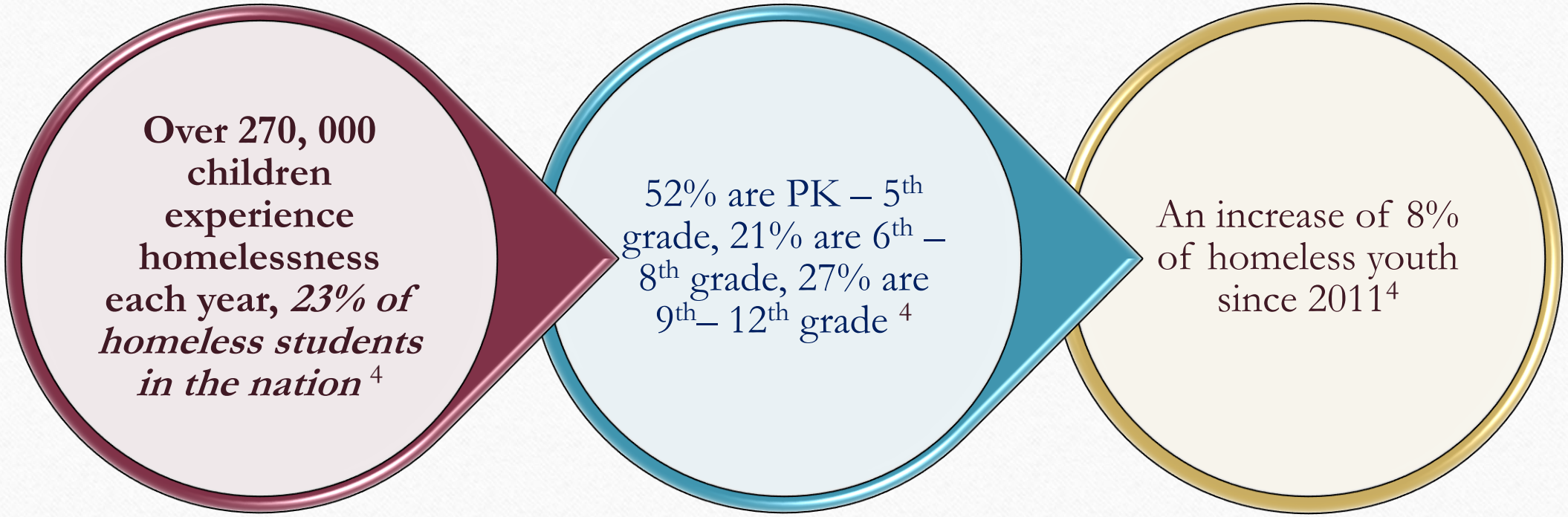
More than half of all children in HUD shelters are under the age of five 2

13% of school-age children live in poverty; 30% live in extreme poverty1

Approximately 20-40% of unaccompanied homeless youth identify as LGBTQ – compared to 5-10% of the general youth population in the U.S. 3

[1] U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates.
[2] 2012 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR): Volume 2: https://www.onecpd.info/resource/3297/2012-ahar-volume-2-estimates-of-homelessness-in-the-us/
[3] Safe horizon, www.safehorizon.org ; 2014

STATE DATA



[4] CA Homeless Youth Project, California's Homeless Students, A Growing Population; September 2014

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DATA

The number of homeless students **increased by 25% since 2011**[5]

66,597 homeless students, 25% of the homeless students in CA

There are so many homeless students across the county that every classroom of 25 students could include one.

[5] Los Angeles County Office of Education; Nov 2017

IMPACT ON EDUCATION

- Poor social skills in early elementary school.
- Achievement gaps between homeless and low-income elementary students tend to persist, and may even worsen, over time.
- More likely to score poorly on standardized assessments across an array of content areas.
- More likely to be diagnosed with learning disabilities.
- Homelessness in infancy and toddlerhood has been linked to future child welfare involvement and early school failure.
- **Homelessness is associated with an 87% increased likelihood of dropping out of school.**