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Improving Access to Mainstream Services for Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness

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DRAFT VISION STATEMENTS

ALABAMA

Create an Alabama where homelessness does not exist.

ALASKA

Safe homes, strong families, supportive communities. . . no Alaskan left out in the cold.

ARKANSAS

To provide access to safe, integrated, adequate and affordable housing and services necessary to end homelessness.

GEORGIA

A home for all Georgians.

HAWAII

End homelessness in Hawaii in 10 years.

KANSAS

To end homelessness, create stability, and assist families in Kansas in accessing services for productive and healthier lives.

MINNESOTA

Prevent and end homelessness for children and their families

Stable, happy, healthy homes

"No child deserves to be homeless tonight"

Children safe in their homes with their families

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania envisions a commonwealth where there are no homeless individuals or families. Each person will have the support services needed to live as independently as possible in permanent housing of his or her choice. The mainstream services will be adequate, wellcoordinated, consumer driven, and recovery-oriented. All housing and services will be offered with dignity and respect, and will provide hope.