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## **Improving Access to Mainstream Services for Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness**

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Intercontinental Hotel  
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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

#### **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, well-coordinated, consumer driven, and recovery-oriented. All housing and services will be offered with dignity and respect, and will provide hope.