

Impact of Domestic Violence on the Length of Homelessness

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Abstract: There are many factors that contribute to one's homelessness. Studies have been completed examining many of these aspects; however, this study will specifically examine the relationship between domestic violence and the length of homelessness. Given the negative repercussions homelessness has on the greater society, it is crucial to examine the factors that contribute to one's homelessness, more specifically domestic violence. This research shows the relationship between the domestic violence one experiences and subsequent homelessness. **Methods:** This study will utilize a cross-sectional survey design. The participants will be selected in a purposive sampling method. The study will be comprised of around 100 participants who will be surveyed from the middle of March to the middle of April. The study will include eight agencies in Kansas. The survey will measure the dependent variable by asking a survey question about the length of homelessness one has experienced, followed by questions regarding the independent variables. The independent variable questions will inquire about the severity of domestic violence one has experienced using the Domestic Violence Scale by the Survey Research Center of The University of Michigan. **Results:** This research will be utilizing regression analysis. These researchers expect to find a positive correlation between domestic violence and the length of homelessness. **Implications:** This research hopes to provide information for the prevention and education of domestic violence issues. The results of this research would be advantageous for the social workers, shelters, and agencies who work with the homeless and victims of domestic violence by educating them on the impacts domestic violence has on its victims.

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