

**Mission
Statement**

Project Hope works in partnership with families so they can move up and out of poverty.

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We do this by:

being a catalyst for change in the lives of families and in the systems which keep them poor;

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developing and providing family support solutions for homelessness and poverty;

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acting for just public policies that strengthen families.

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We do this in collaboration with a multitude of organizations that support these goals.

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Sharing Best Practice

National Convention

Collaborators: (left) Donna Haig Freidman, Director of the Center for Social Policy Research at U-Mass, Boston, and Rosa Almanzar, Shelter Director at Project Hope, led a workshop entitled, "Parenting in Public: Support for Parents in Shelters".

New Orleans was the site for the Health Care for the Homeless Conference.

The invitational group consisted of nurses, social workers, drug and alcohol counselors, doctors. These professionals perceived a wide range of environmental conditions in Shelters, from oppressive to energizing. These conditions affected the well being of their clients, so they sought help in understanding the dynamics involved and tools for reducing parental stress. Rosa Almanzar, formerly homeless and currently Shelter Director at Project Hope, and Donna Haig Friedman, author of Parenting in Public (Columbia University Press, 2000) offered a workshop to address these concerns.

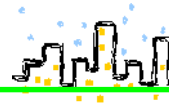
The key to the success of the workshop, Donna and Rosa agree, lay in the table discussions, the exchange between Health Care for the Homeless professionals and parents who were presently or recently residing in shelters.

Parents say that they often feel negatively judged as parents by case workers simply because they are homeless. In addition, they face the daunting task of having many observers who also judge them on the way they interact with their children each day in the public space of shelters.

At Project Hope, Rosa reported, every woman is assumed to be a "woman of strength". It is assumed that every mother

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New Building on the Horizon



In July, 2004, Project Hope was informed by the City of Boston that we were selected as the winning bidder for the 11,127 square foot parcel land at 2 East Cottage Street. This land will enable us to build a four story building on Dudley Street, a five minute walk from our Magnolia Street property.

This new facility will house current and expanded adult education programs, housing support services, workforce

development programs, child care business training and so much more.

We hope to break ground in April, 2005 and open our doors to our neighbors with another embodiment of HOPE: House Open People Enter in February, 2006. We are deeply grateful to all of you, our donors, architects and supporters who have hung in there with us during this sometimes arduous process.