# **Status Report**

## **Displaced Homemakers and Single Mothers in** California

There are 860,118 Displaced Homemakers in California

#### Children

17% of displaced homemakers live with their • own children under the age of 6

#### **Poverty**

37% of displaced homemakers live in poverty

There are 1,638,689 Single Mothers in California

#### Children

38% of single mothers live with their own children under the age of 6

#### **Poverty**

25% of single mothers live in poverty

23%

#### **Single Mothers Displaced Homemakers** 4 year college degree or more 4 year college 9% degree or more Less than high school 16% 24% Less than high school 36% Some college 32% Some college 31% High school degree High school degree 29%

**Educational Attainment** 

## National Data

- Nationally there are 7.3 million displaced homemakers and 13.6 million single mothers. •
- Displaced homemakers are more likely to be poor. Nationally 42% of displaced homemakers and • 31% of single mothers are living in poverty.
- Displaced homemakers are less educated than single mothers, 62% of displaced homemakers • have no education beyond a high school diploma, compared with only 58% of single mothers.
- Single mothers are a younger group than displaced homemakers. The majority of single mothers • are 25-54 years old and the majority of displaced homemakers are 45-64 years old.
- Single mothers are more likely than displaced homemakers to have young children living at home. •

### Chutes and Ladders

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