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**Group Paper Abstract**

Our group decided to do our paper about child homelessness in California. In our paper we will bring up the different aspects of child homelessness particularly in California because it is such a concerning issue, and because we are all residents in California. We will talk about what leads to child homelessness and why it is a continuing issue. Issues that we will possibly bring up are runaways, family poverty leading to homelessness, child abandonment or neglect, which can lead to child homelessness. There also maybe other potential reasons that we may come across during our research. We will also talk about the different physical, social, emotional, and psychological affects that child homelessness causes. Some of the issues we will possibly touch on are, malnutrition, lack of education, joining gangs, drug use, child trafficking (prostitution), behavioral problems, depression/suicide, or death. We will also talk about the different polices that there are in regards to the child homelessness. We will research the different policies that California has in regards to child homelessness, and possibly some of those subtopics as they can all intermingle. We will also research the different types of programs and services that there are for children who are homeless, but particularly in California. In our paper, will most likely be focusing on the cities in California that are mostly affected by child homelessness. In the second half of our paper we will be giving possible solutions and or our opinions on why or why not the policies and or programs and services may or may not be successful.