The Eleanor Foundation is a premier grantmaking fund uniquely focused on helping working women determined to achieve sustainable economic independence.

We leverage our expertise and resources to invest in innovative programs that provide housing opportunities and supportive services.

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Who are these women?

Demographics

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- 420,000 female headed households in Chicago
  - 196,000 have children

- 131,000 households are in EF's target population
  - 67,000 have children (51%)
  - 153,000 children
  - 43% of women are 18-45
  - 49% are Black
  - 42% are White
  - 5% are Latino
Where do these women live?

Usually in neighborhoods that are high poverty with other lower-income families with kids and where a large portion of renters are “rent-burdened” (paying more than 30% of income for rent).

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Who are these women...

| Demographics                  | Nearly 90% of working women in EF’s target population work at least 20 hours a week.* |
|                              | 64% work full-time*                                                                   |
|                              | Nearly 60% work in the private sector*                                                |
|                              | Largest portion (28%) work in office and administrative support positions*            |
|                              | 6% who are of working age, are unemployed; another 18% are “not in the labor force” at all* |

* Only women 18-64 included here

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Profiles of EF Target Population

- What situation(s) do they come from?
- What support do they rely on?
- What factors may prevent accessing services?

- Single mothers with no long-term plans (13,000-21,000)
- Single mothers with system experience (2,500-3,500)
- Single mothers with plans (2,200-2,600)
- Single women trying to get ahead (2,500-13,000)
- Women in need of housing assistance without kids (2,500-30,000)
- Women in need of housing assistance with kids (2,500-30,000)
- Women in need of job training with and without kids (about 34,000)
- Women entrepreneurs (about 5,000)

Note: These are not all mutually exclusive categories
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✓ Most women in EF’s target are **not** accessing public assistance programs – often because they do not want to due to stigma or assistance is not available.

(*SSI /Social Security not included.*)