



Re-imagining the Single-Parent Home:

Designing an Environment to Provide More Opportunities for a Successful Future

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Conversation

Affordable housing has too often been standardized to accommodate developers and other business-driven enterprises, rather than the people that need it most. By challenging the status quo of affordable housing design, we can re-imagine the living conditions of single parents and their children to create better opportunities and a quality environment to raise a family.

Stakes

How can the living environment for a single-parent household be better considered in contrast to typical housing options that are a one-size-fits-all, and what opportunities could be had that would otherwise be out of reach for them?

Betterment

Introducing a mixed-use, affordable housing scenario that addresses the specific needs of single-parent families by improving access to services that benefit them the most and designing living conditions that promote hope, success, and a brighter future.

Profile

I grew up in San Angelo, TX, in a single-parent household for most of my life. I recall that my mother worked extremely hard to give me the opportunity to earn an education and the chance to lead a successful life of my own. However, I now realize that the conditions which we and many others lived in were less than ideal, inconvenient, and not designed with opportunity in mind. Therefore, I was inspired to examine address issues like this during the course of my studies.