



E. Mitigating shame through an

Economic Justice framework





## How does Economic Justice fit into this?

Unjust economic structures can exacerbate trauma

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Manifests as shame

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“If you’re poor, it’s your own fault”



“The narratives made available to us through financial literacy too often proclaim a common message: the deprived, self-inflicting character of disadvantaged and marginalized populations themselves lead to the socioeconomic harm and economic violence they experience.

In other words, *they are to blame* if they are socioeconomically harmed.

This violent message is false and must end.”

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## Redefining Economic Abuse

Shedding light  
on the systemic obstacles  
impeding equitable access to \$



## Poverty Traps

A mechanism that makes it very difficult for people to escape poverty.

Jobs with low hourly wages

Little opportunity for promotion

## Poverty Traps



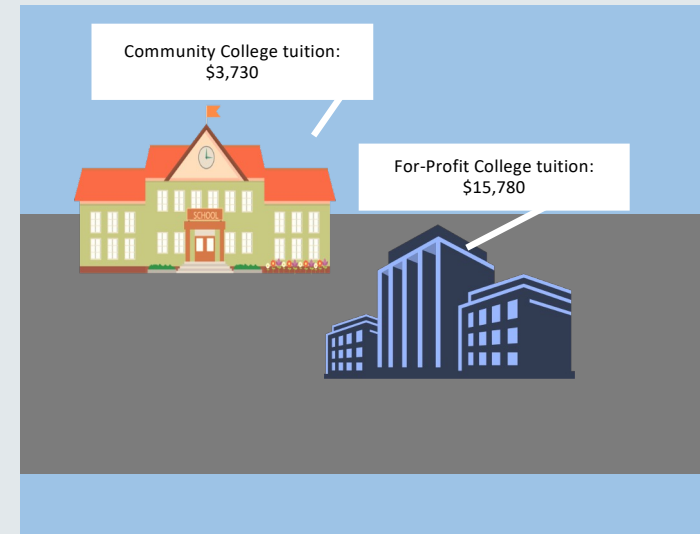
## Payday Lenders

## Poverty Traps



Enrolling in for-profit universities or trade programs with no good job prospects

## Poverty Traps





Lack of quality and  
affordable childcare

Can't afford to have a job

## Poverty Traps



## The Cash Bail system

## Poverty Traps



## Domestic Violence

## Poverty Traps





**When most people in our  
country are just getting by,  
rather than getting ahead,  
*the system is what is broken...***

**... not you.**