

Eviction to Empowerment:

Shared Housing in Milwaukee's Inner City
AIA Ohio Student Design Competition

Where: 2335-2355 N. 14th St.
Milwaukee, WI

What: Co-Housing that accommodates long-term affordable housing and transitional housing

Who: Single mothers and their children who have faced eviction

Why: Eviction is a powerful force that has come to shape the lives of many in cities across the country. Milwaukee is no stranger to the eviction crisis; the city was the subject of Mathew Desmond's bestseller *Evicted* and here the legacy of redlining policies continues to shape the lives of residents, especially single mothers and their children who face disproportionately higher rates of eviction. This proposal for shared housing in a neighborhood that experiences particularly high eviction rates is a form of cohousing that provides long term affordable housing and transitional housing, encouraging the sharing of responsibilities and providing a support system for single mothers and children. Levels of privacy are "nested" within the space, encouraging meaningful connections and providing a safe and empowering home for those who experienced eviction.