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**Finances (check all that apply):**

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- ☐ I have a budget that includes food, housing, clothing, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products.
- ☐ I know how to file taxes.

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- ☐ my own car. I have a driver's license and will carry it whenever I drive. I have proof of insurance and registration in my car.

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**Housing/other services and supports:**

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**Food:**

- Preparation and storage: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety>
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 We are rockets, pointed up at the stars  
 We are billions of beautiful hearts  
 And you sold us down the river too far  
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 What about us?  
 What about all the broken happy ever afters?  
 What about us?  
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 What about love? What about trust?  
 What about us?  
 We are problems that want to be solved  
 We are children that need to be loved  
 We were willing, we came when you called  
 But man, you fooled us, enough is enough, oh  
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# Colorado Homeless — Legal Project —

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- ☐ Divorce                      ☐ Child support                      ☐ Child custody
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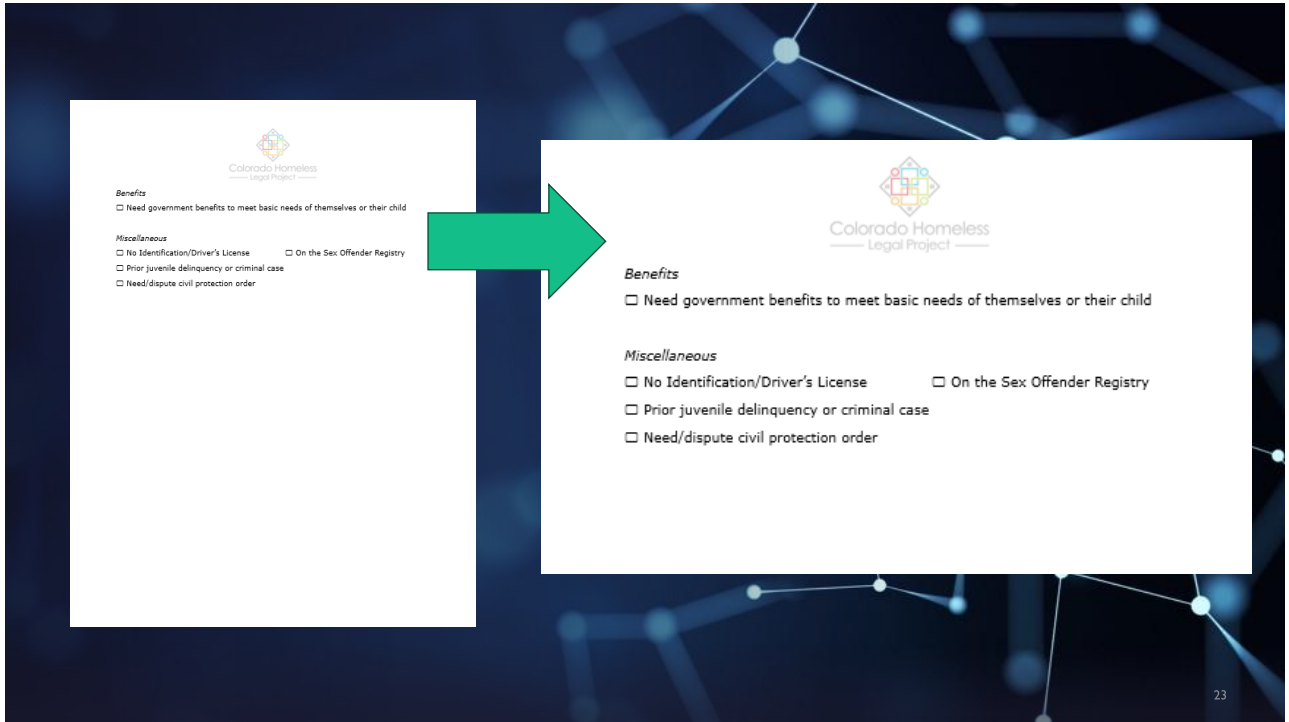
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