About Women’s Empowerment:

Women’s Empowerment educates and empowers women, who are experiencing homelessness, with the skills and confidence necessary to secure a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and regain a home for themselves and their children.

Located in Sacramento, CA, our mission was created by homeless women expressing their needs and a community coming together with a desire to end homelessness—for good. Because we don’t want to place any limitations on who we can serve, we don’t accept any government, county, or state funding. Because of this, we truly rely on community support to help educate and empower the amazing resilient women and children we serve.

We work very hard to create a safe, nurturing community/environment where each woman and her family are treated with respect, to have a revamp in one of our rooms to reflect that energy would be amazing and positively impact many lives. Our program works, on average 82% of the women who graduate from our nine-week job-readiness and empowerment program find and maintain employment or enroll in higher education, while about 80% of our graduates gain housing. Since 2001 over 1,600 women and their 3,700 have graduated from our programs.

Description of the Proposed Workspace:

Approximately 85% of the women we serve are mothers. Lack of safe childcare can be a huge barrier to women experiencing homelessness seeking services. At Women’s Empowerment we eliminate that barrier by providing on-site childcare in our Child Development Center for the women working to change their lives through our programs.

This large room serves as a safe, nurturing environment where each mother and her child are treated with respect. Studies have shown that children experiencing homelessness are more likely to develop developmental delays. Our trauma informed staff and volunteers make sure that every child has what they need to grow and thrive, from diapers and formula to clothing and shoes. The room is set up so that our staff and volunteers can see all the children but slightly sectioned off so that there is a play area, baby area, tables and chairs, and plenty of space to run around.

We would love to set up the room so that it is as functional as possible and has more storage. We would love for the room to be as inviting, comfortable, and child friendly as possible. Many children have taken their first steps in the CDC and we would love to elevate the space to reflect just how truly special the kiddos we serve are.
Photographs of the Proposed Workspace: