

FAMILIES FORWARD

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FAMILIES FORWARD HOUSING PROGRAM

Families Forward's Housing Program helps families with minor-aged children regain stable housing.



5.8% of – or 28,450 – Orange County students have insecure housing, more than **118%** the number 10 years ago.



In 2016-17, Families Forward received approx. 2,000 calls from families in a housing crisis. Of these calls, 58% were at risk of homelessness, and 42% were literally homeless.



In Orange County, an hourly wage of **\$27.62** is necessary to afford a one-bedroom apartment, equivalent to an annual income of \$57,440.



A minimum wage worker must work **105** hours a week to rent a one-bedroom apartment.

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In 2017, Families Forward helped 203 homeless families find housing in 26 cities across Orange County. On average, families in our housing program received services for 4-5 months. Over 60% of these families had a single-mother head of household. Individualized case management, tenant assessments and career counseling were vital to each family achieving success in stable housing.



2015
126 FAMILIES

126 Homeless Families (412 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability through our Housing Program. 96% of the graduating families maintained their housing.



2016
160 FAMILIES

160 Homeless Families (585 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability through our Housing Program. 93% of the graduating families maintained their housing.



2017
203 FAMILIES

203 Homeless Families (686 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability through our Housing Program. 97% of the graduating families maintained their housing.

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FAMILIES FORWARD HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Families Forward's Homeless Prevention Programs include services to help families maintain self-sufficiency and independent housing.



Families Forward's Impact

Over 11,500 individuals in need utilized at least one Families Forward safety-net service in 2017.



Food Pantry

Staffed by community volunteers, Families Forward serves individuals, seniors, and children.



Community Counseling

Families participate in counseling sessions to build confidence and self-sufficiency.



Back to School

Children receive clothing and backpacks filled with school supplies to start the new year.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Families receive baskets filled with traditional Thanksgiving fixings to cook a holiday meal.



Adopt-a-Family

Children receive holiday gifts, which spread hope and bring holiday joy.



Dedicated community volunteers provided over 20,000 hours of service, significantly increasing the number of families served at Families Forward.