



Who is Families Forward?

Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education, and other support services.

Since 1984, Families Forward has been helping Orange County families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to stabilize their lives, access safe and affordable housing, and move towards independence.

At one time or another, any family could find themselves in need of some form of support.

Families Forward is here to help.

Volunteer to Make a Difference

Families Forward relies on volunteers to expand our reach and serve our shared community.

Your time will help change the life of a local family in need.

For more information on all of our volunteer opportunities visit families-forward.org/volunteer



Change a Life by Donating Today

Your donation will directly help a local family have a place to live. Families Forward's work is only possible through generous community support.

90% of contributions support our programs and services.

To make a secure donation today visit families-forward.org/donate



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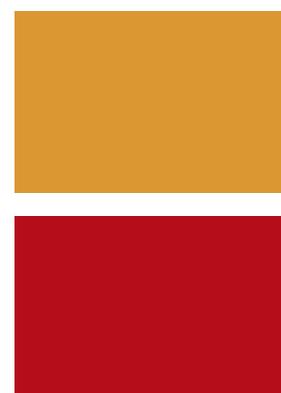
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Helping Families
Find Resources to Succeed





Housing and Supportive Services for Families

Families Forward's Housing and Supportive Services are designed to ensure that all Orange County families have a safe place to sleep every night.

- We assist **at-risk and homeless families** with supportive services that may include housing placement, food, financial assistance, counseling, career and financial coaching, and health services.
- Through **housing assistance and tenant education**, we help homeless families with minor-aged children regain a place to live.
- Dedicated **Case Managers and Housing Resource Specialists** work with families to create a unique plan based on their specific circumstance.
- Families may be housed through partnerships with **local landlords**, Families Forward's **apartments** and other **affordable housing units** throughout the county.
- **Career Coaches** are available to meet with families in order to improve their earning potential.
- Families Forward works with **Veterans and their families** to provide case management, supportive services, and identify Veteran specific resources.

Please note, Families Forward does not offer emergency shelter or general rental assistance. If you are in immediate need of shelter, please call 2-1-1.

Community Services

Our Community Services are for qualified families and individuals in south Orange County who can maintain their housing but need additional resources to make ends meet.

- **Food pantry assistance**, in the form of nonperishable items such as canned goods, rice, and pasta, is provided to single individuals, couples, and families.
- **Back-to-School** distribution provides clothing and backpacks filled with school supplies.
- **Thanksgiving** meal baskets are provided to families to prepare a holiday meal in their own home.
- **Adopt-a-Family** provides holiday gifts for children.
- **Referral Services** are available to help prevent families from becoming homeless.

In addition to these services, Families Forward hosts a **Community Resource Fair** each spring that brings together over 70 leading service providers to offer free health screenings, food, legal advice, financial counseling, workshops, and children's activities to families in the community.

To learn more about our programs, please call (949) 552-2727 or contact info@families-forward.org

Community Counseling

- Licensed counselors provide short-term individual, marital, family, and group counseling.
- Counseling helps people overcome symptoms of depression, grief, anxiety, trauma, self-esteem issues, family relationships, illness, parenting, and issues related to job loss.
- Client fees are based on a sliding scale.

“With all the sadness, loss and fear we have gone through the last few years, I just want to say I have so much appreciation and love for all the people that have been there for us at Families Forward. It really has been a miracle!”



“I owe so much to Families Forward and I will forever be grateful that they saved my life and the life of my son. I proudly wear the title of a success story, a hardworking woman who happens to be a single mother as well.”