

# FAMILIES FORWARD

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## HOMELESSNESS IN ORANGE COUNTY

The economic downturn due to COVID-19 puts many Orange County families at risk. We are seeing a surge in need for housing assistance during the recovery period.



In Orange County, a minimum wage earner must work **131 hours** per week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.



**124,514** Low income renters in Orange County do not have access to an affordable home.

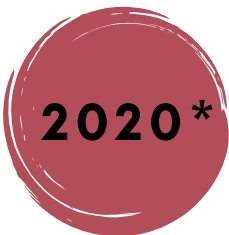


According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **15.2%** of Orange County's children are living in poverty.

## HOUSING AND HOMELESS PREVENTION

Families Forward's comprehensive programs and services help families achieve self-sufficiency and independent housing. More than **12,000 individuals** received services in 2020\*.

*\*Fiscal year October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020*



**297 Families** (1,028 children and their parents) achieved housing stability.



Families Forward received **1,606** requests from families experiencing a housing crisis.



Of the calls received, **180** families were literally homeless.



Over the last 3 years, an average of 96% of the graduating families did not reappear in the homeless services provider system.

# SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Families Forward's comprehensive programs help families with minor-aged children achieve housing stability. More than **12,000 individuals** received services in 2020\*.

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## Career Coaching

**118** individuals received one-on-one coaching and opportunities for training, internships and job referrals.



## Food Pantry

Staffed by volunteers, Families Forward provided **158,140 meals** to Orange County residents in need.



## Mental Health Counseling

**172** Families (including 370 individuals) participated in counseling sessions to conquer barriers and achieve self-sufficiency.



## Back to School

**808** Children received backpacks filled with school supplies to start the new year.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

**813** Families received the ingredients needed to cook a traditional holiday meal.



## Adopt-a-Family

**1,866** Children received gifts, bringing holiday joy.

Despite the surge in request for services, Families Forward was able to end or prevent homelessness for **297** families in 2020\*.