

# HOMELESSNESS IN ORANGE COUNTY

The high cost of basic living, including rent, transportation, and childcare, coupled with the significant lack of affordable housing, puts many Orange County families at risk.

**These are the families we see every day.**



In Orange County, an hourly wage of **\$42.79** is necessary to afford the median rent of \$2225 per month.



Orange County currently needs **111,996** more affordable rental units to meet current demand.



There are currently **29,315** students suffering from housing insecurity in Orange County.

## FAMILIES HOUSED

Families Forward's Housing Program helps families with minor-aged children regain stable housing. Whenever possible, our Prevention and Diversion assistance will provide support with the goal of preventing homelessness in the first place.



In 2018-19, Families Forward received over 770 calls from families in a housing crisis.



Of the calls received, 68% were at risk of homelessness and 32% were literally homeless.



**2019**  
**244 FAMILIES**

244 Homeless Families (846 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability.



**2018**  
**233 FAMILIES**

233 Homeless Families (856 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability.



**2017**  
**203 FAMILIES**

203 Homeless Families (686 children and their parents) achieved safety and stability.



Over the last 3 years, an average of 95% of the graduating families did not reappear in the homeless services provider system.

# HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Families Forward's Homeless Prevention Programs include services to help families achieve self-sufficiency and independent housing. Nearly **10,000** individuals utilized at least one of the safety net offered by Families Forward in 2019.



## Career Coaching

More than **100** individuals received one-on-one coaching, including resume help, building interview skills, and opportunities for training, internships and job referrals



## Food Pantry

Staffed by community volunteers, Families Forward served more than **6,000** individuals, seniors, and children.



## Community Counseling

**196** Families (including **413** individuals) participated in counseling sessions to build confidence and self-sufficiency.



## Back to School

**1422** Children received clothing and backpacks filled with school supplies to start the new year.



## Thanksgiving Baskets

**680** Families received baskets filled with traditional Thanksgiving fixings to cook a holiday meal.



## Adopt-a-Family

More than **1700** Children received holiday gifts, which spread hope and brought holiday joy.

2,000 dedicated community volunteers provided over 21,000 hours of service, significantly increasing the number of families served at Families Forward.