

FAMILIES FORWARD

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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 **\$28.71** is necessary to afford a one-bedroom apartment.



Orange County families are spending **at least 78%** of their income on rent.



Over the last 10 years, the number of unsheltered students has risen **512%**.

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 2017-18, Families Forward received over 1,500 calls from families in a housing crisis.



Of the calls received, 76% were at risk of homelessness and 24% were literally homeless.



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.



2016

160 FAMILIES

160 Homeless Families (585 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.

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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 11,700 individuals in need utilized at least one Families Forward safety-net service in 2018.



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 21,000 hours of service, significantly increasing the number of families served at Families Forward.