

# Working to End Family Homelessness

## Who We Are

<u>Family Promise</u> is the leading national organization dedicated to addressing the crisis of homelessness for families with children. Through a network spanning hundreds of communities nationwide, we mobilize local resources, implement practical solutions, form strategic partnerships, and advocate for families facing housing insecurity and homelessness. Guided by the principle that all children deserve to grow up happy, healthy, and safe, we prioritize early interventions and comprehensive supports that mitigate trauma and keep families together, promoting healthy development and lasting stability.

Family Promise serves as a vital resource in shaping and informing policy for children and families. Drawing on direct experience with families facing homelessness, we advocate for solutions that prioritize the needs of vulnerable children and support family stability. Through research, community partnerships, and frontline insights, we offer policymakers valuable guidance to create sustainable solutions to housing insecurity and homelessness.

# **Our Impact**

Since our founding in 1988, we have served more than one million individuals, helping tens of thousands of families each year secure stable housing and achieve long-term housing stability. We advocate for policies and solutions that create lasting change for families in need.

## National Network

The Family Promise network is deeply rooted in nearly 200 communities across more than 40 states. We build on local assets, activate real solutions, and advocate for families facing homelessness through a unified, nationwide approach.



## What We Do

A stable home is the foundation for a brighter future. Our core programs address the root causes of homelessness, offering families a range of services including eviction prevention and diversion, emergency shelter, housing assistance, long-term stabilization, and permanent housing. We meet families where they are, helping them achieve immediate safety and work toward lasting independence. We also partner with local organizations and mobilize community support to build a strong support system for families facing homelessness.



## Core Program Areas

#### **Prevention:**

Eviction prevention and shelter diversion are among the most effective ways to address the crisis of family homelessness. Hard-working families can face housing loss through no fault of their own, and experiencing homelessness has lasting repercussions, especially for children. Preventing these traumatic experiences allows families to focus on their immediate needs: housing and stability.

Family Promise provides the support and resources they need to remain in their homes while overcoming the challenges threatening their housing security. Our shelter diversion services help families who have already lost housing avoid a shelter experience and quickly regain stability and independence.

#### **Shelter & Emergency Services:**

Family homelessness is often an invisible crisis. Many families conceal their circumstances, resorting to unstable arrangements like living in their cars or overcrowded housing. Traditional shelters often separate family members, which can delay recovery and increase trauma.

Family Promise prioritizes keeping families together, an essential component to reducing stress and laying the groundwork for long-term success. We provide safe, secure shelter that offers families stability and dignity as they rebuild their lives.

#### **Housing:**

A shortage of affordable housing is one of the foremost challenges families face today. A child's future begins at home, yet millions of families cannot access safe, affordable housing. Family Promise develops stable housing solutions through rapid rehousing, master leasing, property rehabilitation, and other innovative approaches tailored to family needs.

Our work ensures families have a place to call home and increases affordable housing in communities nationwide.

#### **Stabilization:**

Long-term success for families requires an extensive support system. Family Promise offers ongoing assistance with housing, employment, education, transportation, food security, and health.

We connect families with resources that help them remain housed and navigate life's challenges with confidence and resilience.

# Recognition and Media

The work of Family Promise has been featured in <u>The New York Times</u>, NBC's <u>The Today Show</u>, <u>The Guardian</u>, and many other national and local media outlets, raising national awareness of the family homelessness crisis.

We look forward to working with you to improve the lives of our nation's children and families. For more information about Family Promise and policy efforts to address the crisis of family homelessness, please contact Cara Baldari at <a href="mailto:cbaldari@familypromise.org">cbaldari@familypromise.org</a> or 908.273.1100 x 153.