



Family Shelter
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Help for homeless families

Many Seattle-area families struggle just to make ends meet and keep a roof over their heads. When a family already living on the edge of poverty experiences just one additional financial setback, the crisis of homelessness can easily become a reality. Solid Ground's Family Shelter program helps homeless families stabilize immediately after a housing crisis — and provides support to help them locate long-term, stable housing.

Family Shelter offers...

- Enhanced shelter in 14 safe, furnished 2- and 3-bedroom apartment units in North Seattle neighborhoods.
- Motel vouchers for short-term emergency shelter for families waiting for housing.
- One furnished transitional housing unit in West Seattle for a large family.
- Comprehensive case management to help all families address the causes of their homelessness.
- Housing search assistance, advocacy and referrals to food, clothing, transportation, parenting, mental health, substance abuse and immigration resources.

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We believe...

- Our community has the resources, will and ability to end poverty.
- All people have the right to food, shelter, social justice and opportunities.
- Racism perpetuates poverty. To end poverty, we must undo racism.

We believe that together, we can build a community free from poverty, prejudice and neglect in which all members stand on Solid Ground with the skills and confidence needed to achieve their dreams.

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*Safe shelter for
homeless families in
Seattle & King County*

Family Shelter... A hand up, not a handout

Family Shelter understands that there are many reasons families find themselves homeless — and we treat all people with respect as they work their way out of homelessness to housing stability.



During a homeless family's stay in Family Shelter's enhanced shelter and transitional housing units, we strive to:

- a) Help them find permanent or long-term transitional housing.
- b) Provide the resources and support they need to stay in stable housing once they find it.

Family Shelter apartment units are safe, clean and in good repair. They are nestled in residential Seattle neighborhoods (Ballard, Fremont, Magnolia and Crown Hill). We also have one large single-family home, Bethlehem House, in West Seattle.

A haven away from home

Family Shelter units are furnished with bedding, linens, and pots and pans. We can also provide cleaning and hygiene supplies as needed. We help families stay connected to their schools, jobs and other support services whenever possible. Most of our apartments are walking distance to grocery stores and bus lines, making it easy for families to get to important appointments — such as counseling, job interviews and school.

Comprehensive case management

All Family Shelter families receive comprehensive case management to help them address the crises that led to their homelessness and become “housing ready.” We conduct thorough intake assessments to help each family create a Family Action Plan, setting goals toward finding stable housing. We provide referrals and information, including assistance with:

- household budgeting
- addressing past evictions
- vocational goals and job search
- access to medical and mental health care.
- access to children's services, substance abuse counseling and other resources as needed

“You guys have become like angels to me and my son because of the way you've helped us and many, many other people hang on to our lives and dignity.”

Former Family Shelter Dad

Who qualifies?

Homeless families with dependent children can stay at Family Shelter, including 1- and 2-parent families, and those with grandparents as primary guardians for their grandchildren. Family Shelter works to keep families together. Unlike many Seattle shelters, we accept both single dads with kids and families with teenage boys. And although we have limited capacity to do so, we also serve large, multi-generational families.

Family responsibilities

While staying at Family Shelter, all families must make progress toward their Family Action Plan goals and must also remain clean and sober. Families pay damage deposits — which are refundable if they leave their apartments in good condition when they exit. Families staying in our transitional home, Bethlehem House, pay monthly rent of no more than 30% of their household income.