

# FAMILIES FORWARD

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## CAN FAMILIES FORWARD HELP?

Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education, and other support services. If you know someone that needs our services, please see below or call us at (949) 552-2727. We're here to listen and help.

### ■ DOES THE FAMILY NEED HOUSING?

Families Forward does not operate a shelter program, nor do we provide emergency housing or rental assistance. We help families with accessing housing. Our Housing Program includes housing identification, targeted case management services, and rental subsidies. Placements are based on the family's needs, and the housing we have available at the time.

Families eligible for our Housing Program must have minor-aged children and be homeless or facing homelessness. To apply, families should call our office and speak to an intake volunteer. The intake information will be made available to our case managers for review. If we have availability and, based on the information provided, we think the family could be a good match for our program, we will contact the family to schedule an interview.

We do not keep a waiting list. We encourage all families who need housing to contact 2-1-1, who has access to all the housing providers in the county and may provide additional referrals.

### ■ DOES THE FAMILY NEED FOOD?

Families Forward has a food pantry on-site. Families can access the food every 30 days and must call to make an appointment. Our pantry is open Tuesday-Thursday from 9:20AM - 4:30PM.

Our food pantry serves income-qualified or low-income families in south Orange County: Aliso Viejo, Corona Del Mar, Coto de Caza, Dana Point, Dove Canyon, El Toro, Foothill Ranch, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, South Laguna, Trabuco Canyon, and Tustin.

### ■ DOES THE FAMILY NEED RESOURCES?

Our Homeless Prevention Program offers resources including counseling and life-skills workshops for families who can maintain their housing but need additional resources to make ends meet. For more information on additional resources, or for other community resources, families should call us at (949) 552-2727 or email us at [info@families-forward.org](mailto:info@families-forward.org).

Our Community Counseling Program provides short-term solution-based counseling. Services are available to families with minor-aged children. Client fees are based on a low sliding scale. Appointments are available Monday-Thursday, 9am-6pm.

Our Tenant Education workshops assist with learning how to become a smarter renter. Workshop topics include: affordable housing, rental applications and renter's responsibilities during tenancy.

If Families Forward does not offer the type of help a family needs,  
perhaps one of these other agencies can help:

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

American Family Housing  
(714) 897-3221  
Casa Youth Shelter  
(800) 914-2272  
Colette's Children's Home  
(714) 596-1308  
Family Promise of  
Orange County  
(714) 353-0428  
Friendship Shelter  
(949) 494-6928  
Human Options  
(949) 854-3554  
(Victims of domestic  
violence)  
Mercy House  
(714) 836-7188  
Orange County  
Rescue Mission  
(714) 247-4300  
Pathways of Hope  
(714) 680-3691  
Precious Life Shelter  
(562) 431-5025  
(Pregnant women 18yrs+)  
Salvation Army  
Hospitality House  
(714) 542-9576

MEDICAL/DENTAL

Healthy Smiles for  
Kids of Orange County  
(714) 638-7637  
Hurtt Family Clinic at  
Orange County  
Rescue Mission  
(714) 247-0300  
Laguna Beach  
Community Clinic  
(949) 494-0761  
Lestonnac Clinic  
(714) 633-4600  
P.E.A.C.E. Community  
Resource Center  
(949) 609-8199  
Planned Parenthood of  
Orange County  
(714) 922-4100  
Share Our Selves  
(949) 642-3451  
Women, Infants, Children  
(800) 852-5770  
UC Irvine Health Family  
Health Center  
Anaheim: (657) 282-6356  
Santa Ana: (657) 282-6355

OTHER RESOURCES

211 Orange County  
211, or (888) 600-4357  
from a landline  
Community Action  
Partnership  
(714) 897-6670  
Irvine One-Stop  
(949) 341-8000  
Share Our Selves  
(949) 642-3451  
Social Services,  
General Info  
(714) 541-7700

HOUSING

American Family Housing  
(714) 897-3221  
Colette's Children's Home  
(714) 596-1308  
Family Assistance Ministry  
(949) 492-8477  
Family Promise of Orange  
County  
(714) 353-0428  
Illumination Foundation  
(949) 273-0555  
H.I.S. House  
(714) 993-5774  
Mercy House  
(714) 836-7188  
OC Gateway to Housing  
(949) 631-7213  
Orange County Rescue  
Mission  
(714) 247-4300  
Pathways of Hope  
(714) 680-3691  
Precious Life Shelter  
(562) 431-5025  
South County Outreach  
(949) 380-8144  
WISE Place  
(714) 542-3577