

# **GET ON TRACK!**

#### **DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY:**

- fear eviction?
- struggle to pay your bills each month?
- lack knowledge about the availability of community and government resources?

If you answered "**YES**" to any of these questions, let Family Promise of Beaufort County help you to **Get On Track!** 

Too many families in Beaufort and the surrounding counties face these same concerns. Homelessness is a growing crisis and with the scarcity of affordable housing we want to help folks like you remain in your homes. Our **Get on Track!** program addresses the underlying issues and will help you create and live within a budget, navigate resources based on your needs, and provide rental assistance on a short-term basis so you can get back on track and remain in your home.

Don't get derailed, let Family Promise of Beaufort County help you to **Get On Track!** 

To schedule an appointment, please contact us by calling (843) 815-4211.

You and your children will be happy you did.

OUR VISION IS THAT every child WILL HAVE A HOME!



of Beaufort County

Family Promise of Beaufort County's mission is to provide temporary shelter, family stability and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing resources from interfaith and secular communities.



Family Promise is a United Way agency.



FamilyPromise of Beaufort County

HELPING HOMELESS CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES find their way home SINCE 2008.



843-815-4211 181 Bluffton Road, D101 Bluffton, SC 29910 FamilyPromiseBeaufortCounty.org



### SHELTER PROGRAM

Our guests are provided with temporary shelter during which time they receive comprehensive case management and assistance in securing employment, access to medical care, childcare, school placement and support in ultimately locating affordable housing. We provide transportation to interviews, medical appointments, places of employment, childcare and school. While our program is non-denominational, our guests sleep in a network of congregations where they are provided with safe overnight accommodations and volunteers who provide meals, essential needs and companionship.

They participate in our Life Skills Program designed to provide instruction in household management, parenting skills, budgeting and other skills necessary to sustaining independence. Located in Old Town Bluffton, our Day Center is the hub of operations and a place for our guests to receive mail, do laundry, complete employment and housing searches in our computer center, complete goal sheets, attend Life Skills Programs and meet with our Case Manager.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Since opening our doors in July 2008, we have assisted over **480 individuals** in our Shelter and *Get on Track!* Programs.

**80%** of the parents are employed when they leave our Shelter Program.

Family Promise offers the *only* Shelter Program in both Beaufort and Jasper counties.

61% of those we assist are children under the age of 18.

**Over 90%** of those who graduate from our Shelter Program are still in permanent housing after one year.

Our **700+** volunteers provide **over 10,000 hours** of assistance to our families each year.

We are supported by **over 30 congregations,** of a variety of different faiths, throughout Beaufort County.

We receive **over 45** calls for assistance each month.

There are *more than 690* homeless children in Beaufort County.

Homeless children and their families represent **35%** of the homeless population in this country.

Homeless children attended *every* school in Beaufort County.

The average age of a homeless person in the U.S. is only **9** *years old.* 



#### STAYING ON TRACK PROGRAM

Once the parent has maintained fulltime employment, adhered to the guidelines of the Shelter Program, has saved adequate funds and located rental housing they are invited to participate in our Staying on Track Program. The goal, of which, is to support the families by assuring they are utilizing the tools provided to them in the Shelter Program. They receive continued case management support to include in-home visits to review the family's budget, discuss the children's progress in school, inspect the home for cleanliness and the availability of nutritious food, and to discuss other issues the family may be experiencing.



Financial support toward the Security Deposit, Utility Connection Fees, Moving Expenses and Rent is provided to families who participate in this program. Designed to move our homeless children and their families into rental housing as quickly as possible, it also allows us to serve more families in need. In addition, we provide basic household items and furniture for their home as well as support with back to school and holiday needs. The support typically lasts 12 months.

THE FAMILY PROMISE MODEL IS SUCCESSFUL, REPLICABLE AND COST EFFECTIVE