

DID YOU KNOW?

Since opening our doors in July 2008, we have assisted over **900 individuals** in our **Shelter, Staying on Track** and **Get on Track!** Programs.

88% 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 **800+** volunteers provide **over 11,000 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 565** homeless children in Beaufort County.

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

Homeless children attended **all but one** public school in Beaufort County.

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

OUR VISION IS THAT
every child

WILL HAVE A HOME!



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.



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



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SHELTER PROGRAM PROVIDES SUPPORT

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 locating affordable housing. Additionally, we provide transportation to interviews, medical appointments, places of employment, childcare and school. The parents participate in our Life Skills Programs which provide guidance in household management, parenting skills, budgeting and other skills necessary to sustaining independence.

While not a faith-based organization, we collaborate with over 30 congregations who provide safe overnight accommodations and volunteers who provide meals and hospitality for our families.

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.

STAYING ON TRACK PROVIDES STABILIZATION

Once the parent has maintained full time employment, adhered to the guidelines of the Shelter Program, saved adequate funds, and located housing they are invited to participate in this stabilization program. The goal is to assure the families 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 and overall financial management, 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. Continued Life Skills programs are provided, as are referrals to other community programs and resources.

Financial support toward the security deposit, utility connection fees, moving expenses and rent is provided to families who participate in the Staying on Track Program, as outlined in their commitment document. Designed to move our homeless families into rental housing as quickly as possible it also allows Family Promise to serve more families with children who are homeless and in need of Shelter. 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.

GET ON TRACK! PROVIDES DIVERSION & PREVENTION

DO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN:

- fear eviction?
- struggle to pay your bills each month?

OR

ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND:

- cannot locate affordable housing?
- need assistance with paying the security deposit or first month's rent?

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

Too many families face these same concerns. Homelessness is a growing crisis and with the scarcity of affordable housing, we help families either **remain in their homes OR locate homes they can afford.** Our Case Manager will work with you to address the underlying issues, help you create and live within a budget, navigate community resources based on your needs, and provide rental assistance on a short-term basis to prevent your family from becoming homeless.



**THE FAMILY PROMISE MODEL IS
SUCCESSFUL, REPLICABLE
AND COST EFFECTIVE**