



FAMILIES FORWARD

DIGNITY • EMPOWERMENT • HOPE



Since 1984 Families Forward has been helping families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education and other support services.

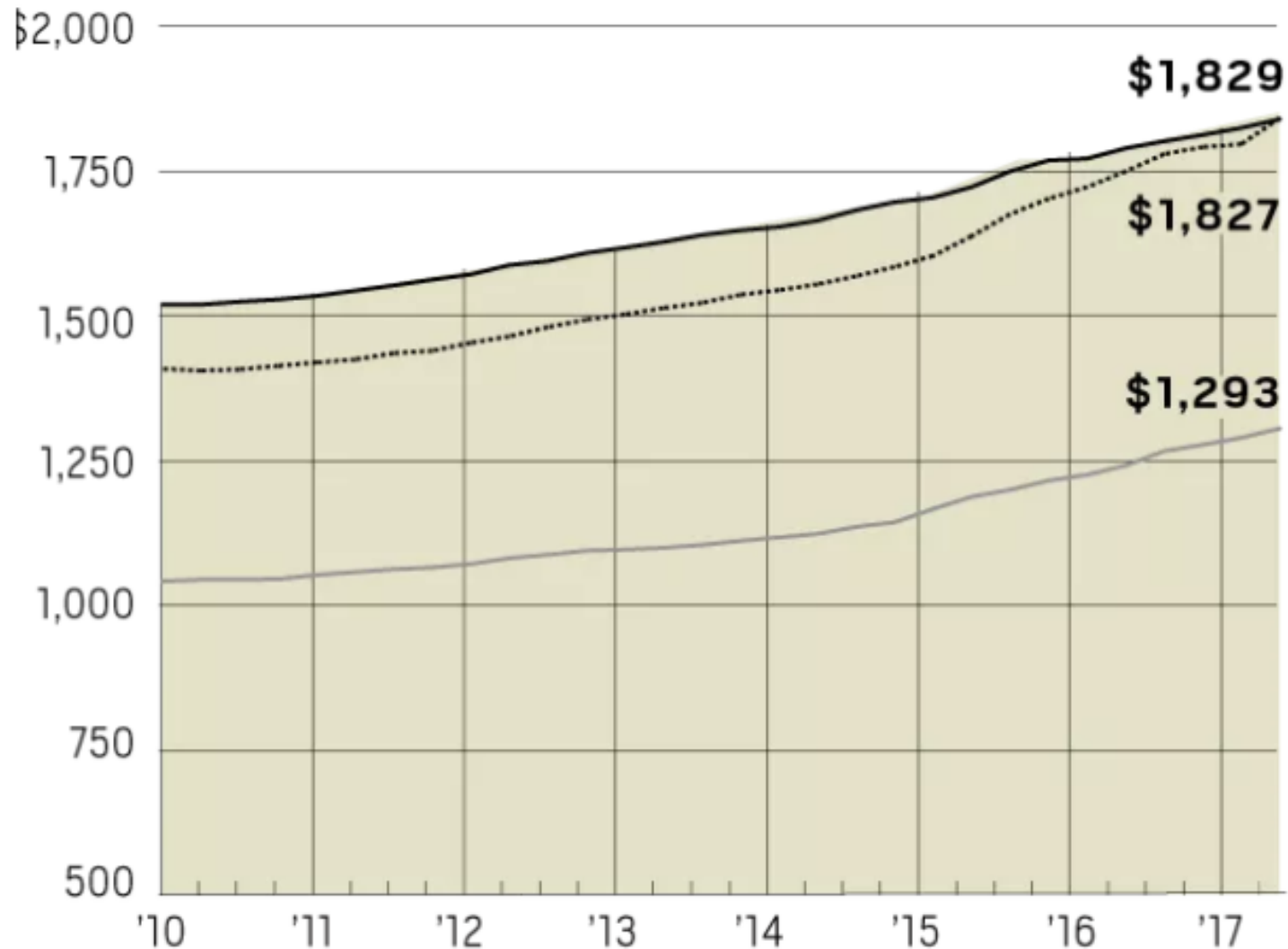
Families Forward is committed to serving each family with the core values of **dignity, empowerment, accountability, community spirit, and hope.**

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ORANGE COUNTY?



Southern California average asking rent

— L.A. County Orange County — Inland Empire



Source: CoreLogic

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Orange County's Harsh Realities

- Over 5% of Orange County students (28,450 children) are homeless or unstably housed, doubled from 2006-2007 and higher than Los Angeles and San Diego counties.
- Orange County's lowest-income renters spend 87% of income on rent, leaving little left for food, transportation, health expenses, and other needs.
- For low income families, median income has declines 10% while rents have increased 19% since 2000.

Bottom Line

A minimum wage worker must work
105 hours a week
to afford a one-bedroom apartment
in Orange County.

Families Forward Creates a Brighter Future

Services Provided:

- Housing
- Food Pantry
- Career Coaching
- Community Cares
- Counseling
- Seasonal Programs



Housing Program

There is no place like home



2016-2017 Impact

- **203** Homeless Families (**686** children and their parents) achieved safety and stability through our Housing Program.
- **97%** of the graduating families secured their own housing and gained self-sufficiency.



RAPID RE-HOUSING

HOUSED PEOPLE ARE NOT HOMELESS



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RRRH

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) **ends homelessness** for families and individuals.

FIND LANDLORDS
& APARTMENTS

Help people quickly find housing within one month or less.

HELP PAY
FOR HOUSING

Help people pay for housing short term; longer-term help an option.

CONNECT
TO JOBS & SERVICES

Help access services so people can stay in housing.

The **Core Components** of Rapid Re-Housing help people **find** housing fast, help **pay** for housing, and **connect** to jobs and services.

FIND FAST HOUSING IDENTIFICATION



Build relationships with landlords to have access to as many housing units as possible.



Find and secure housing as quickly as possible after a person or family becomes homeless.



Limit the time a family or individual spends homeless. Move people into housing within **30 days or less**.

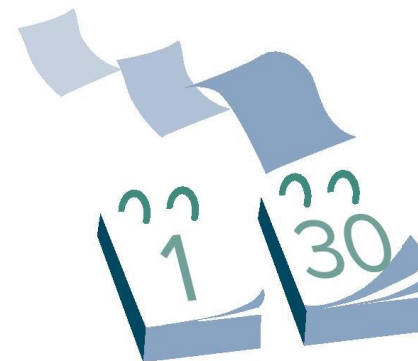
HELP PAY RENT AND MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE



Pay for security deposits, move-in expenses...



... and/or rent and utilities.



Length of assistance varies, but often **4 to 6 months**.

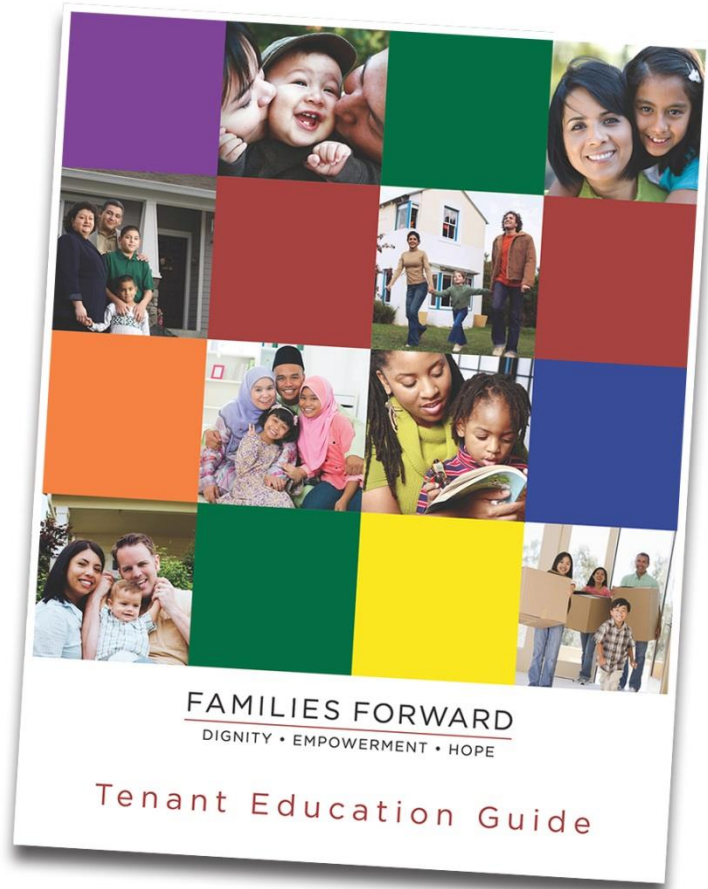
HELP CONNECT TO JOBS AND SERVICES

Connect families and individuals to services and supports in the community.

Help resolve issues that may threaten housing stability, including conflicts with landlords.



Housing Resource Specialists



Tenant Screenings

Housing Plans

Tenant Education

Home Visits

Landlord Engagement

Landlord Liaison



FAMILY SOLUTIONS COLLABORATIVE

Orange County Family Solutions Collaborative

Current Agency Partners



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Family Coordinated Entry System



Family Solutions Centers

Centralized points of access for families in need of housing services. Provide a variety of housing interventions and support services and do so in a streamlined approach that is accessible, standardized and accountable.

Family Shelter Network

Optimizing utilization of family shelter beds by applying common best practices that promote short lengths of stay and high exits to permanent housing.

Permanent Housing Interventions

A data-driven plan to increase appropriate housing interventions to meet the current need and identify role and depth of need for prevention services.

Cross Sector Collaborations

Maximizing housing-specific resources by leveraging community partners to provide a holistic approach that promotes a family's long-term stability.

The **Family Response System** will work to align and streamline resources accessed by families. The goal is to build efficiency to support a family accessing the system to be linked quickly and appropriately to end their housing crisis in 30 days or less.

A person is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. The sign has the words "Thank you!" written in a dark, handwritten-style font. The person's face is blurred in the background, and they are wearing a blue shirt. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.

Thank
you!

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