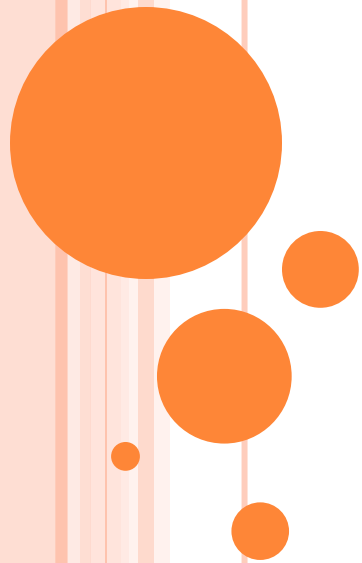




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April 2013, Commerce (COM) partnered with DSHS to create a new pathway to help end family homelessness.

This pathway is focused on serving WorkFirst families who are currently homeless by obtaining employment, with the goal of moving families to self-sufficiency within six months.

Started with five counties within Washington state with a tentative goal to implement statewide in 2014.



# ENDING FAMILY HOMELESS (EFH)

- The intent of the *Ending Family Homelessness* is to reduce homelessness for households with children who are unsheltered or living in shelters or motels 50 percent by 2015.
- Rapid re-housing targets Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) households with immediate shelter needs.
- Progressive engagement - matches housing costs to family income.
- Active coordination between DSHS and EFH partners.



All partners have the same goal: “eliminate homelessness and secure income”.

- Each agency has specific goals:
  - DSHS – Provide TANF benefits and monitor WorkFirst participation
  - EFH partner – Help secure permanent affordable housing
  - WorkFirst partner – Provide employment support services



# SALVATION ARMY (COORDINATED ENTRY PROVIDER)

- Receives EFH referrals through DSHS eJAS
- Conduct secondary screening with applicant
  - Meet criteria of Homelessness program
  - Engaged in WorkFirst activities
- Provide housing resources
- Engage in housing stabilization and financial services
- Approved applicants will have a joint case plan developed by DSHS



# How Families Access HFCA



## All entry points provide:

- Screening
- Diversion
- Assessment
- Referral to rapid re-housing
  - RRH for all populations
  - SSVF
  - RRH for specific geographic areas
- Referral to prevention
- Housing placement waitlist

# CLIENT BENEFITS

- Secure housing with subsidized rent or low income housing
- Employment within 6 months
- Barrier resolution
- Support services
- Help the parent become self-sufficient



# CASE STUDY #1



## **Single father parenting twins**

Enrolled in the EFH program in November 2013.

He received 6 months of subsidized rent while he participated in job search. By April 2014 he secured full-time employment and successfully exited TANF and the EFH program.





## CASE STUDY #2



### **Single mother parenting four children**

On TANF 20 months, despite dealing with mental health issues she still qualified for the EFH program in January 2014. With intensive case management between the partners she secured full-time employment as a receptionist at a local health care provider in May 2014 and successfully exited the TANF and EFH program.



**QUESTIONS  
OR  
COMMENTS?**

