



**WE'RE WORKING TO END  
CHILD HOMELESSNESS  
IN GREATER BOSTON.**

You can be **part of the solution.**

# THE STATISTICS **MAY** **SURPRISE YOU.**

- Massachusetts has the 3rd highest number of homeless children in the country.
- 65% of children admitted to the Emergency Room don't have a medical problem—their diagnosis is homelessness.
- Children exposed to unstable housing have more frequent adverse childhood experiences and, later in life, higher risks of depression, suicide attempts, alcoholism, and smoking.
- There are 9,000 children and parents in Greater Boston living in cars, doubled up in overcrowded apartments, or seeking shelter in emergency rooms.
- The #1 indicator of becoming homeless as an adult is experiencing homelessness as a child.

# THE NUMBERS **SHOW** **OUR EFFECTIVENESS.**

We're changing the numbers and the future for families on the brink. Last year:

- 95% of the families that were prevented from becoming homeless remained in their housing one year later.
- 99% of homeless families placed in housing remained stably housed after one year.
- 873 children and parents received housing assistance, educational programming, and individual case management in FamilyAid temporary housing.
- Average length of stay in our temporary housing: 199 days, 34% shorter than the average of 300 days.

In the last year, FamilyAid has provided prevention, temporary housing, and permanent housing services to 5,276 children and parents.

# THE BEST WAY TO END HOMELESSNESS IS TO PREVENT IT.

A stable home is the foundation every child needs to thrive. With the help of compassionate neighbors like you, we're working to address the challenges low-income families face and end child homelessness across the region.

## HELPING FAMILIES STAY IN THEIR HOMES

FamilyAid's Homelessness Prevention Program partners with Boston Public Schools, Boston Children's Hospital, and Boston Medical Center to keep children and their parents in homes.

Last year, we prevented 3,427 children and parents from becoming homeless by securing new, affordable housing or helping them stay in their current homes.

It costs around \$2,500 to keep a family in their home. In comparison, the average cost to shelter a family for one year is \$60,000.

This means for the cost of housing one family in a shelter, we can help nearly 75 children and parents avoid homelessness.



## SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS

FamilyAid works with families to resolve credit issues, complete applications for housing, find apartments, and cover overdue bills and expenses.

Our services don't stop when a family moves to stable housing. We help parents pursue education, complete job training and secure jobs, create a family budget, and connect to child enrichment services.



## **CARING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

When a child experiences homelessness, it affects his or her development, health, and education for years to come.

All children and parents engaged with FamilyAid receive comprehensive, life-changing services. These include: developmental health screenings for children up to five years old; navigation of school enrichment programs; health referrals; placement in high-quality childcare programs; parenting skill building; financial coaching; and assistance for parents to achieve stable, living-wage employment.

Last year, 5,276 children and parents benefited from FamilyAid's whole-family support services.

## **PROVIDING TEMPORARY HOUSING**

When all else fails, FamilyAid provides parents and their children with a secure place to stay so they feel safe during the scariest time of their lives.

During their stay, parents work with FamilyAid case managers to identify the issues that led them to become homeless and address the barriers they face in returning to stable housing.

Our team members provide resources ranging from educational and job readiness programs to children's daycare and primary care.

FamilyAid provided temporary housing and services to 1,269 children and parents over the past year.

**In the year ahead, we anticipate as many as 5,000 more children and parents will need our assistance. We need your support to help them.**

# A FAMILY APPROACH THAT WORKS.

FamilyAid provides programs and services to create bridges from housing insecurity to secure housing, from crisis to safety, and from challenge to solution.

In our care, parents learn the skills they need to improve their job and home stability, while their children benefit from comprehensive health and enrichment services in their community.

With your support, we can expand our homelessness prevention programs and children's services to mitigate the trauma of family homelessness and its lasting impact.

Our promise: We will respond rapidly to evolving challenges faced by our poorest neighbors and work with the increasing number of families in crisis until they are back on their feet again.

Together, we can end generational homelessness and help children on the path toward a brighter future.

For more information or to make a gift online, simply go to [www.familyaidboston.org](http://www.familyaidboston.org) or call 857-302-7938.

