

## OUR VALUES

### Dignity.

Honor each individual through an atmosphere of respect, trust, and confidentiality.

### Empowerment.

Inspire self-sufficiency through the development of courage, confidence, and pride.

### Accountability.

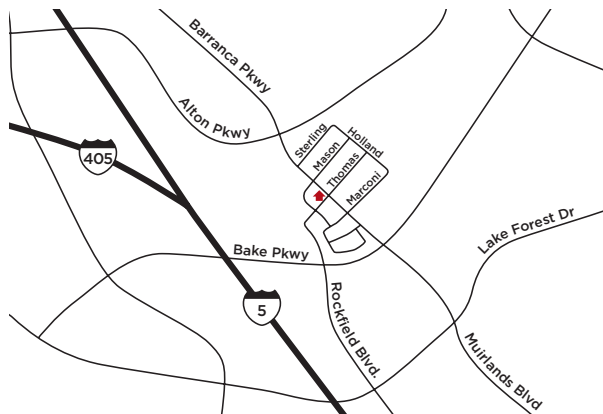
Accept responsibility for commitments and accomplishing our goals.

### Community Spirit.

Realize our vision through teamwork, cooperation, and collaboration.

### Hope.

Share a belief in new beginnings and allowing dreams of the future to emerge.



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## HOUSING RESOURCES

**Casa Youth Shelter**  
(562) 594-6825  
(Children ages 12-17)

**Colette's Children's Home**  
(714) 596-1380  
(Women and children)

**Family Promise**  
(714) 787-3487

**Friendship Shelter**  
(949) 494-6928  
(Single adults)

**Human Options**  
(949) 737-5242  
(Women and children experiencing domestic violence)

**Precious Life Shelter**  
(562) 431-5025  
(Pregnant women 18 years +)

**Salvation Army Hospitality House**  
(714) 542-9576

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**Family Assistance Ministries**  
(949) 492-8477  
(Single women and women with children under 12 yrs)

**H.I.S. House**  
(714) 993-5774

**Mercy House**  
(714) 836-7188

**Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter**  
(949) 631-7213  
(Families)

**Pathways of Hope**  
(714) 680-3691  
(Families)

**Precious Life Shelter**  
(562) 431-5025  
(Pregnant women 18 years+)

**South County Outreach**  
(949) 380-8144

**WISEPlace**  
(714) 542-3577  
(Women)

## HEALTH RESOURCES

**Healthy Smiles for Kids of OC**  
(714) 638-7637  
(Dental treatment for children)

**The Hurtt Family Health Clinic at the OC Rescue Mission**  
(714) 247-0300

**Laguna Beach Community Clinic**  
(949) 494-0761

**Lestonnac Clinic**  
(714) 633-4600

**P.E.A.C.E. Community Resource Center**  
(949) 609-8199

**Share Our Selves**  
(949) 270-2100

**Women, Infants, Children**  
(562) 570-4228

## OTHER RESOURCES

**2-1-1 Orange County**  
211 or (888) 600-4357

**Community Action Partnership**  
(714) 897-6670

**Illumination Foundation**  
(949) 273-0555

**Orange County One-Stop Westminister:** (714) 241-4900  
**Irvine:** (949) 341-8000  
**Buena Park:** (714) 562-9200

**Social Services Orange County, General Info**  
(714) 541-4895 or  
(949) 389-8456

# FAMILIES FORWARD

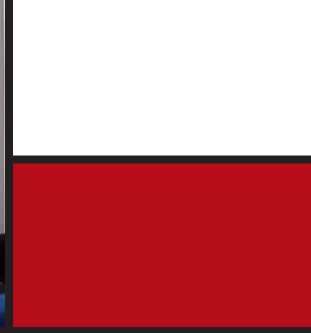
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## HELPING FAMILIES HELP THEMSELVES

Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, education, and other support services.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP  
Families-Forward.org



## HOW WE CAN HELP

Since 1984, Families Forward has been helping Orange County families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to stabilize their lives, access safe and affordable housing, and move towards self-sufficiency. Family support is provided through personalized case management, food assistance, counseling, and career coaching, as well as financial and life skills education.

**At one time or another any family may find itself in need of some form of support. Families Forward is here to help.**

Knowing where to go for help, or just picking up the phone and reaching out for the first time, can be a very difficult decision for a family. We honor the privacy and dignity of the families we serve. We act in partnership with our clients to help them move beyond crisis and focus on gaining tools and knowledge to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

## OUR PROGRAMS

### Housing for Families

Each family has unique circumstances. Families Forward has found that the most effective programs address each individual family's most pressing needs. Families Forward staff will meet with qualified families to determine the most appropriate program plan to support them. The primary goal of our housing program is to help homeless families with minor-aged children regain stable housing.

Our Housing Program covers all of Orange County, CA. Through partnerships with local apartment communities and Families Forward's housing resources, families who have lost their housing work with housing specialist to identify viable housing options. Families enrolled in the program may receive short-term rental subsidies to give them time to stabilize. Supportive services for families in the housing program include food, counseling, career and financial coaching, and health services.

**Please note, Families Forward does not offer emergency shelter or general rental assistance. If you are in immediate need of shelter, please call 2-1-1.**

### Homeless Prevention and Community Services

Our Homeless Prevention Program services are for families who are able to maintain their housing but need additional resources in order to make ends meet, or cope with setbacks. For these families we offer access to our food pantry, counseling, career and other life-skills workshops.

### Career Program

Families Forward's career coaching workshops assist individuals with improving their earning potential by obtaining employment, upgrading employment, or increasing marketability. Workshop topics include: self-assessment, market assessment, presentation, and accountability. Please call (949) 552-2727 for more information.

### Food Pantry

Food assistance, in the form of nonperishable items such as canned goods, rice, and pasta, is provided to qualified single individuals, couples, and families residing in South Orange County (from the 55 freeway to San Clemente). Essential infant supplies such as baby food and diapers may also be provided when in stock. Please note that appointments are required to receive assistance. Please call (949) 552-2727 ahead to register for this program and schedule an appointment.

### Community Counseling

Families Forward's Community Counseling program provides short-term individual, marital, family, and group counseling. The Community Counseling program specializes in helping people overcome symptoms of depression, grief, loss, anxiety, effects of trauma, self-esteem issues, difficult family relationships, illness, parenting, and issues related to job loss. Services are available to families with minor age children. Client fees are based on a low sliding scale. Appointments are available Monday-Thursday; 9am-6pm. To make an appointment, please call (949) 379-8132.

### Tenant Education Workshops

Families Forward's tenant education workshops assist individuals with learning how to become a smarter renter. Workshop topics include: affordable housing, rental applications and renter's responsibilities during tenancy. Please call (949) 552-2727 for more information.

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