



## No Child Left Unsheltered Program

### *Housing Homeless Families with Children*

No Child Left Unsheltered (NCLU) focuses on housing truly street homeless families with children while also working on the educational and well-being of the children and the economic advancement of the parent(s). To date, 198 people have been housed through this program, which includes 124 children.

#### Research Partnership

Loma Linda University evaluates the NCLU-participating families. Research shows that the most significant improvements were in the adult's mental health and improvements in the behavioral and academic outcomes of children, as well as an overall improvement to their self-esteem and household dynamics.

LLU's recent research also showed that families need at least a yearlong recovery period from homelessness to stabilize themselves. As a result in 2018, HACSB enhanced the supportive services provided by leveraging the resources of the County's Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), and HACSB's non-profit affiliate Knowledge and Education for Your Success (KEYS).

#### Partners and Supportive Services

New families assisted through NCLU, including those from the Department of Children and Family Services foster care aftercare program, if they qualify, are dually enrolled in TAD's CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). Through the HSP program, families receive financial and other assistance such as utility deposits; transportation, including gas cards and bus passes; credit checks; application fees; assistance obtaining birth certificates and other vital government documents; furnishings; welcome kits; bridge housing; and other types of financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. Families who do not qualify for HSP but do qualify for NCLU are still admitted to the NCLU program and may receive services similar to HSP from the Keys for Life program.

DBH continues to provide behavioral services that include outreach and engagement, case management and clinical therapy services for children and adults to assist with mental health and/or substance abuse treatment. DBH helps individuals who may experience a mental health crisis by accessing the appropriate crisis services to address their situation and provide transportation services to behavioral health appointments, such as Psychiatrist medication evaluation.

Combined, these are all positive steps towards ending family homelessness in our communities.

*"She's a normal kid now; she's like everyone else."* – NCLU Participant

*"[The children] are so happy now that we're all together, because they were always worried for us, where we were going to sleep, if we were warm, you know."* – NCLU Participant

#### For Information on any Homeless Program/Service in the County:

Please dial "2-1-1" to connect with the County's Coordinated Entry System. They will verify eligibility for various homeless programs and services. This service is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. There will be no drop-in services.