

# The Partnership for Permanent Housing:

Helping homeless families attain homes of their own

In Fairfax County, more than 2,000 people are homeless, including 700 children.

The Partnership for Permanent Housing, with its “housing first” approach, supports Fairfax County’s commitment to end homelessness in 10 years. The program focuses on the needs of homeless families with children ages 18 and younger.

Support the Partnership for Permanent Housing and help end homelessness in Fairfax County.

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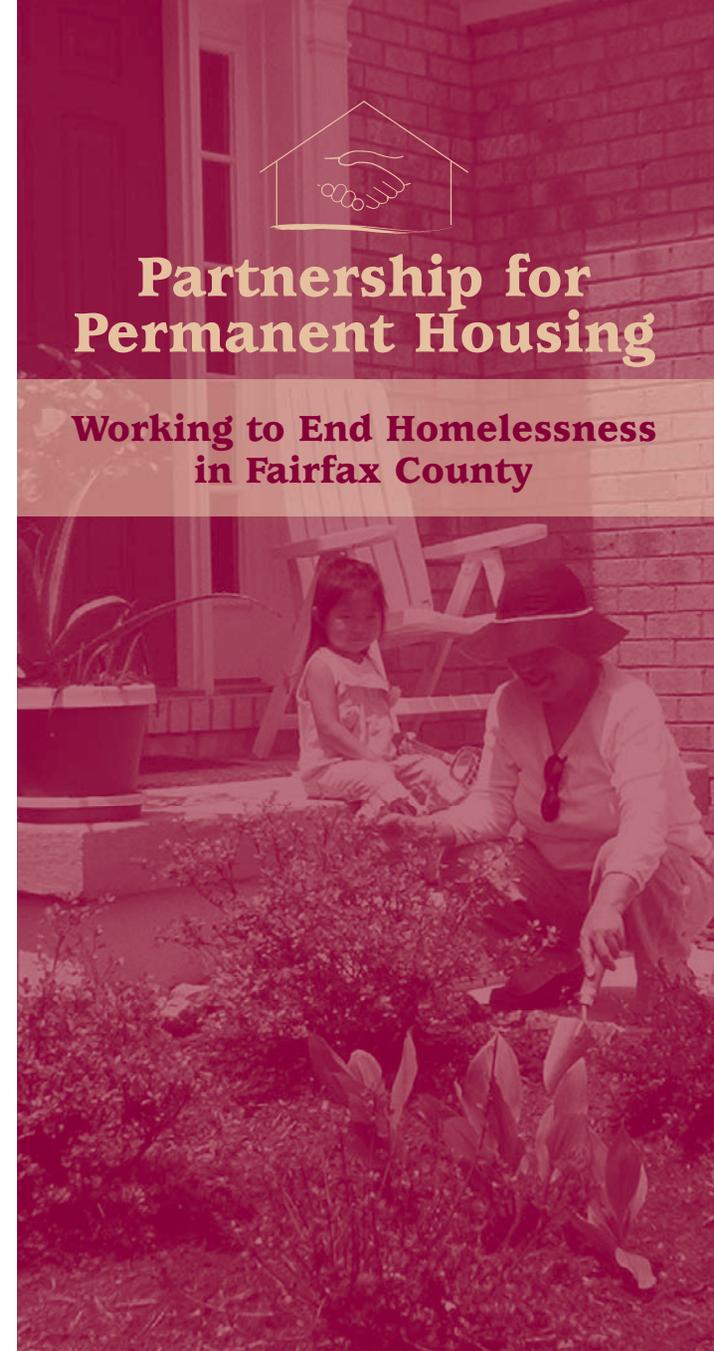
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Working to End Homelessness in Fairfax County



A joint partnership between  
Department of Family Services  
Department of Housing and  
Community Development



## What is the Partnership for Permanent Housing?

The Partnership for Permanent Housing brings together the resources of local government, businesses, nonprofit institutions, community groups, faith-based organizations and individuals to help homeless families in Fairfax County achieve self-sufficiency and secure permanent housing.

Families who are selected to participate in the program are committed to the goal and responsibility of home ownership and have demonstrated the potential to work toward that goal. Case managers work with the families to help them develop plans and access the support they need to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

Fairfax County's Department of Family Services coordinates the selection of candidates for the program, oversees the provision of supportive services, and recruits mentors and volunteers to work with participating families.

Public sector and private sector landlords contract with Fairfax County's Department of Housing and Community Development to provide housing for participating families. Families pay approximately 30 percent of their income for rent – DHCD pays the balance through federal housing programs. DHCD also links families to sources of assistance for down payments, closing costs and mortgages.

## How can you help?

The success of this program depends on partnerships. Your business, organization, or faith community – or you as an individual – might have the resource or skill that a particular family needs to stabilize their living situation and move ahead toward home ownership.

Here are a few examples of ways you may be able to help:

- Mentor a family – share your knowledge about finances, credit repair.
  - Provide an employment or training opportunity.
  - Make a rental unit available, fund a security deposit.
  - Offer a low-interest loan, mortgage assistance.
  - Help with child care or health care needs.
  - Help with resume writing, job searches.
  - Donate funds for education.
  - Help a family move.
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