



**Transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness.
Because every child deserves a home.**

Introduction



Northeast Regional Director

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- Former Executive Director
- NE Regional Director assist 41 Affiliates throughout Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania
- Educational background in Political Science, Psychology, Cultural Studies, Policy Analysis Human Resources, Public Management, and Higher Education

How Did Family Promise Begin?

Origins

- Growing crisis of family homelessness
- Need for community engagement
- Compassion, innovation, efficiency, solutions

[The Karen Olson Story](#)



What is Family Promise?

A community-based response to address family homelessness and housing insecurity.

MISSION

- Our mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

OUR VISION

- Our vision is a nation in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future.

ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE

Founded in Summit, NJ, in 1988, Family Promise is the leading national nonprofit addressing the crisis of family homelessness. Comprised of approximately 200 Affiliates across the country, our innovative approach tackles a full range of issues that can lead to poverty and homelessness. Family Promise keeps families together and provides comprehensive services and support that help them remain in or obtain housing, access critical resources, and achieve lasting independence. We've served more than one million individuals since our founding.



OUR AREAS OF SERVICE INCLUDE:



PREVENTION

Prevention is one of the most efficient ways to address the crisis of family homelessness. In 2022, more than 44,000 children and parents were spared the trauma of homelessness thanks to Family Promise's prevention program, *A Future Begins at Home*. This program provides critical resources like case management, landlord mediation, and rental assistance to keep families housed so they can focus on moving forward. Since its launch in 2019, *A Future Begins at Home* has served more than 17,000 families nationally, including over 37,000 children.



SHELTER

Safe, secure shelter that keeps families together during a housing crisis is essential to long-term stability. While traditional shelters tend to separate families by age or gender and have a housing success rate of 40 percent*, Family Promise ensures families remain together while they work toward independence. Approximately 78 percent of the families in our shelter program exit to stable housing. In 2022, Family Promise provided emergency shelter for more than 5,000 families (nearly 40 percent of whom had children under age six).

*as reported by the National Alliance to End Homelessness



STABILIZATION

Not only do families leave Family Promise with the skills and tools necessary for lasting success, but they also move on knowing they have a reliable support network for as long as they need it. Our post-program supports are tailored to each family's needs and goals. We offer support services to address housing stability, employment, education, transportation, community engagement, health disparities, and more, as well as help families identify additional resources if appropriate. This continued support enables them to accomplish whatever goals they set and overcome the root causes of poverty to become self-sufficient, creating generational change.

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FAMILY PROMISE AFFILIATES

8 NEW AFFILIATES IN 2022

Family Promise of Riverside, Riverside, CA

Family Promise of San Joaquin County,
Stockton, CA

Family Promise of Southern Delaware, Nassau, DE

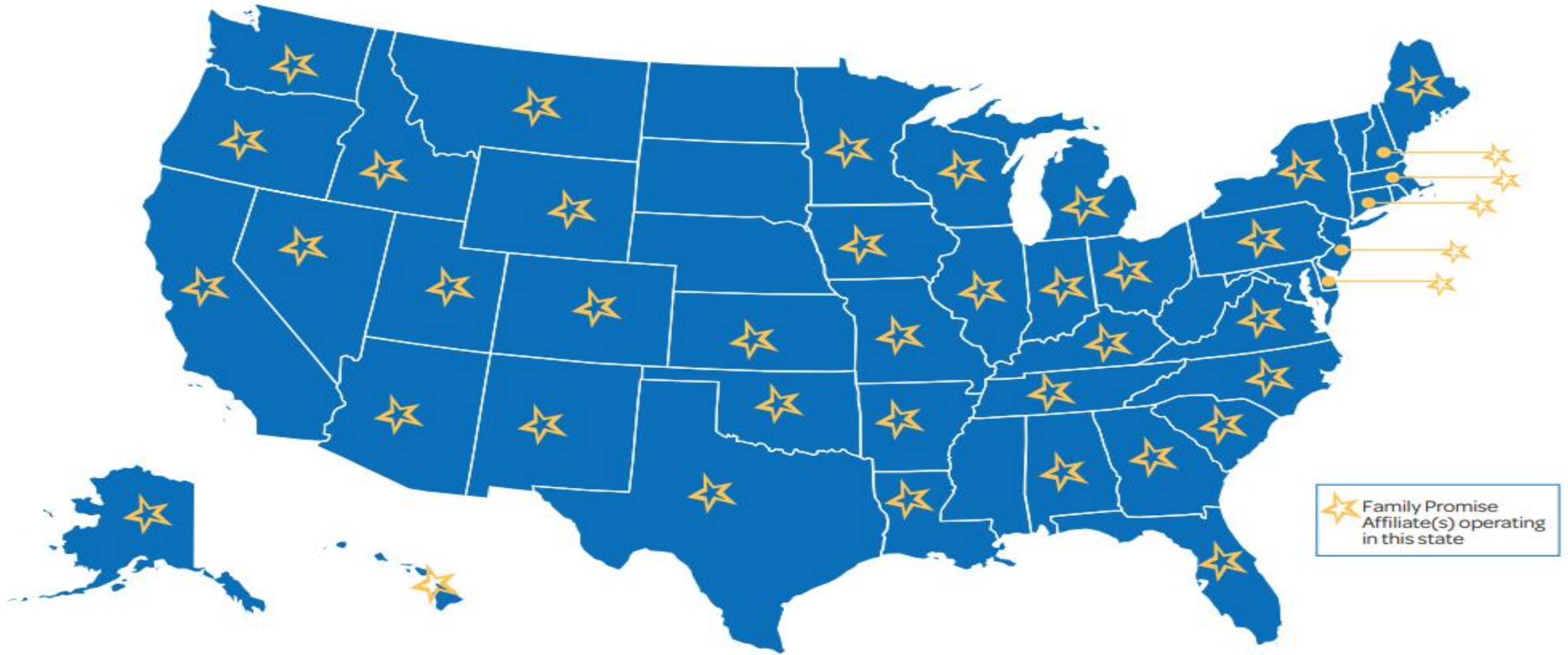
Family Promise of the Big Bend, Tallahassee, FL

Family Promise of Escambia County,
Pensacola, FL

Family Promise of Greater Charlotte Metro,
Charlotte, NC

Family Promise of Greater Lorain, Lorain, OH

Family Promise of Metro East, Portland, OR



OUR IMPACT IN 2022



241,313
individuals
served



88,349
children served



44,283
individuals spared the
trauma of homelessness through
prevention/diversion programs



15,966
individuals
sheltered



19,718
individuals served
through stabilization
programs



supporting program
services for
approximately **200**
Affiliates nationwide

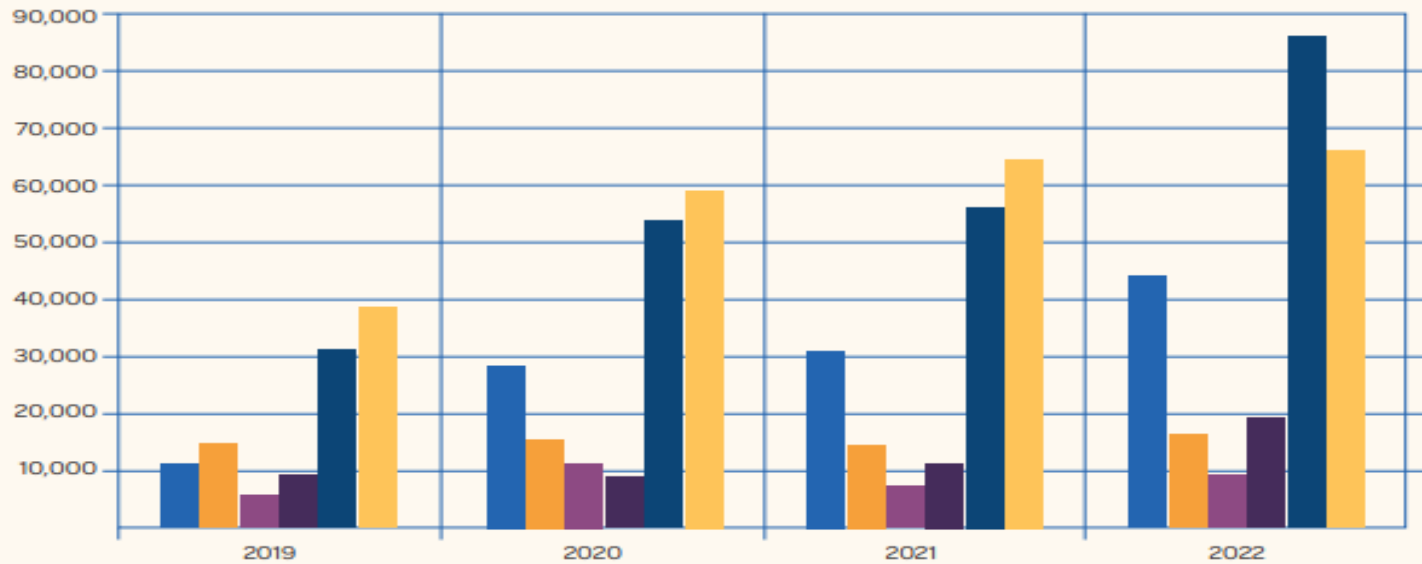


PROGRAMS & SERVICES

INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY PROGRAM AREA

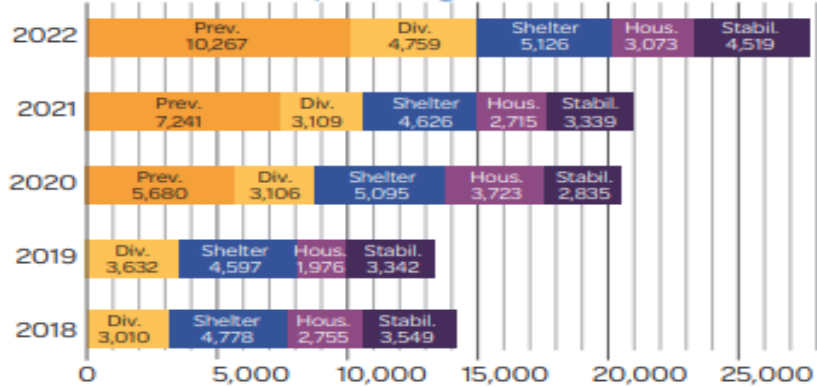
PROGRAM AREAS	NUMBER SERVED		
	ADULTS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
Prevention	12,167	17,297	29,464
Diversion	6,188	8,477	14,819
Shelter	6,987	8,977	15,966
Housing	4,009	4,368	8,387
Stabilization	12,665	7,049	19,718
Community Service	42,582	42,181	86,157
TOTAL Served through Programs	84,598	88,349	174,511
TOTAL Served through Referrals	66,802		
TOTAL SERVED	241,313		

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



GROWTH IN AFFILIATE PROGRAMMING

of Families Served by Core Program Area

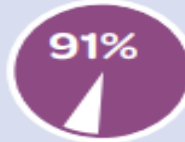


	2019	2020	2021	2022
Prevention/Diversion	10,512	28,398	30,919	44,283
Emergency Shelter	15,393	15,794	14,485	15,966
Housing	6,567	10,469	7,976	8,387
Stabilization	9,445	9,111	11,320	19,718
Community Service	30,159	54,669	57,859	86,157
Referrals	39,535	59,033	64,499	66,802
TOTAL	111,611	177,474	186,058	241,313

PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT



86% of Affiliates offered prevention/diversion programs

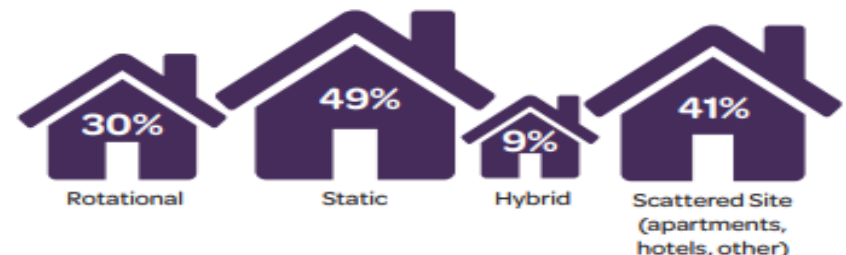


91% of Affiliates offered emergency shelter




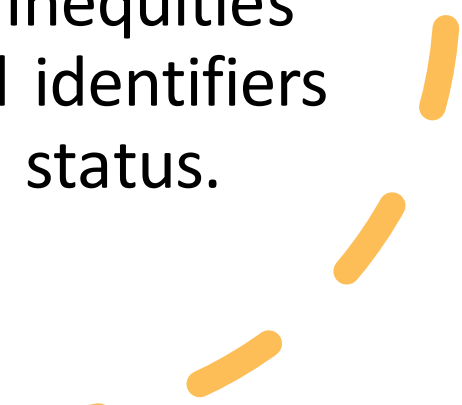
71% of Affiliates offered stabilization services

AFFILIATE SHELTER MODELS

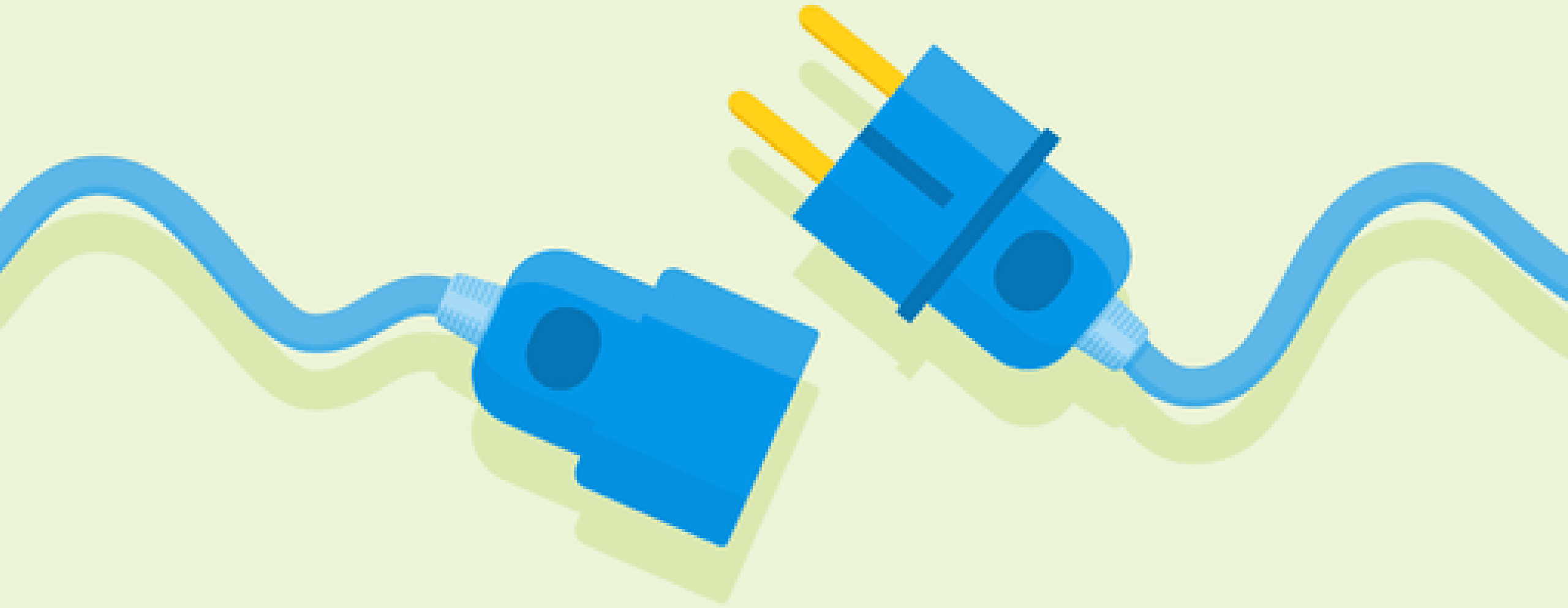


- In 2021, an estimated 7.1 million American households experienced severe housing cost burden, which means that they spent more than 50 percent of their income on housing.

- In 2021, approximately 3.7 million people across the country were in “doubling up” situations (or sharing the housing of others for economic reasons).

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- According to the Children’s Defense Fund, housing affordability and income inequality deeply affect children and youth. During the 2020-21 school year, public schools identified 1,099,221 students who experienced homelessness, representing 2.2% of all students enrolled in public schools—meaning 1 in every 45 children enrolled in public schools is unhoused (see [Table 9](#)). Inequities persist for students with additional identifiers of race, immigration, and disability status.
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- According to the [January 2022 PIT Count](#), **582,462 people** were experiencing homelessness across America. This amounts to roughly **18 out of every 10,000 people**¹. The vast majority 72% were individual adults, but a notable share (28 percent) were people living in families with children.
- According to HUD's 2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report, 28% percent of people experiencing homelessness (161,070) were in families composed of at least one adult and one child. The number of families experiencing homelessness decreased by more than 10,000 people between 2020 and 2022.
- Unaccompanied youth under age 18 make up 5% (30,090) of the total homeless population, and these youth are counted as individuals experiencing homelessness



Disconnect in Definitions
HUD v. McKinney Vento

Homeless Children and Youth Act

- **HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACT (HCYA) REINTRODUCED**
 - HCYA has been one of Family Promise's top policy priorities for the last 6 years, and would broaden and synchronize federal definitions of homelessness to be more inclusive of families and children. Under HCYA, children and youth that experience homelessness under the [McKinney-Vento definition](#) would be eligible for HUD Homeless Assistance.
 - [More Info and Advocacy Toolkit](#)
 - **Updates on the Bill**

Tools

- **Legislative Tracker:**
 - Please [click here](#) to see an up-to-date listing of relevant/proposed federal legislation.
 - Please [click here](#) to see a listing of bills endorsed by Family Promise.

Bills Endorsed

- **Easy Calls to Action for Legislation Endorsed by Family Promise:**
 - [Support the Homeless Children and Youth Act](#)
 - [Support the Family Stability and Opportunity Vouchers Act](#)
 - [Support the Child Poverty Reduction Act](#)
- **Additional Legislative Priorities:**
 - Manufactured Housing Community Preservation Act
 - Eviction Crisis Act
 - Emergency Family Stabilization Act

For More Information

Resources

- [Family Promise](#)
- [School House Connection](#)
- [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)
- [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

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