



Family Supportive Housing

~ State Fiscal Year 2023 Awards Summary ~

The Family Supportive Housing (FSH) program aims to reduce the incidence and duration of family homelessness in Vermont by supporting families with minor children who are homeless to identify and maintain affordable housing through intensive, home-based case management and service coordination. Family Supportive Housing service providers partner with landlords to provide access to housing for families experiencing homelessness. A key component of the program is formal partnerships between Family Supportive Housing providers and local affordable housing agencies. Service coordinators address the root causes which led to the family becoming homeless; encourage positive, non-judgmental, trauma-informed communication and engagement; promote resiliency in parents and children; increase financial empowerment; and help the family remain stably housed over the long-term.

In state fiscal year 2014, the Agency of Human Services (AHS) launched the Family Supportive Housing Program in three initial AHS Districts: Rutland, Burlington and Brattleboro. In subsequent years, the program was expanded to include the St. Johnsbury, Hartford, Bennington and Barre AHS districts. In state fiscal year 2021, AHS expanded the program to the Springfield, Newport and St. Albans AHS Districts as well as increased capacity in the Barre, Bennington, Burlington, Rutland and St. Johnsbury AHS Districts. The SFY21 expansion increased statewide capacity of the program to serve an additional 110 families statewide bringing the overall statewide capacity to 285 families. Family Supportive Housing is a key component of the State of Vermont's plan to end family homelessness as it helps households exit homelessness and access affordable housing.

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Service Providers

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**Committee on Temporary Shelter/Howard Center
2 Service Coordinators**

Burlington District

**Family Center of Washington County
3 Service Coordinators**

Barre District

**Homeless Prevention Center
3 Service Coordinators**

Rutland District

**Northeast Kingdom Community Action
2 Service Coordinators**

St. Johnsbury and Newport Districts

**Pathways Vermont
2 Service Coordinators**

St. Albans District

**Springfield Area Parent Child Center
1 Service Coordinator**

Springfield District

**Sunrise Family Resource Center
2 Service Coordinators**

Bennington District

**Upper Valley Haven
2 Service Coordinators**

Hartford District

**Winston Prouty Center
2 Service Coordinators**

Brattleboro District

Family Supportive Housing is administered by the Office of Economic Opportunity,
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