



In Washtenaw County, 8 to 10 families become homeless in any given week.



Our Cause

Families represent over 50% of the homeless population in Washtenaw County. It may be surprising to know that children are growing up in places that are cold, dark and unsafe. We know that homeless children are more likely to be hungry, sick, and worried where their next meal or bed will be located.

Washtenaw County has the highest rental rates in the state, a renter must earn \$26.62 per hour (\$55,350/year) to afford a two-bedroom apartment. This means that hardworking families are just one paycheck, injury, or life event away from homelessness. The number of homeless families in Washtenaw County has more than doubled from June 2022 to June 2023.

We're Ending Homelessness
One Family at a Time.



Family Housing



SOS offers housing for families with children. SOS provides temporary shelter for larger families up to three months, with caring, intensive supportive services to help them become stable and find permanent, long-term housing.

SOS also offers Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)—a new, nationally recognized model—in which homeless families are moved quickly into permanent affordable housing and receive rental assistance for up to 12 months.



SHELTER



11 Families Served

With 20 Adults and 42 Children



90 days

Max Length of Stay



98% Exited to Permanent Housing

RAPID RE-HOUSING



78 Families Served

With 91 Adults and 194 Children



12 Months

Average Length of Stay



88% Exited to Permanent Housing

PROGRAM BUDGET:

\$1,478,133

\$19,371

to rapid re-house one family for a year

About SOS Community Services

Since 1970, we have been a pioneer in local efforts to prevent and end homelessness. Our mission is to promote housing stability and family self-sufficiency through collaboration, care and respect. SOS helps families find housing and employment, provide support to children, and meet basic needs.

Contact Us

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9 am – 5 pm



SOS RESOURCE CENTER

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Monday, 9 am – 1 pm
Thursday & Friday,
9 am – 5 pm

Pantry Hours:
Tuesday, 1 pm – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9 am – 1 pm

SOS works with the Ann Arbor Public Housing Commission to prevent homelessness for residents who have section 8—housing choice vouchers.

Prior to the start of SOS's eviction prevention program in 2016, 8 – 12 residents were losing their vouchers every month – mostly for preventable reasons. Residents often spend years on a wait list before they get a voucher, which is a permanent housing subsidy. Once a voucher is lost, they are unlikely to ever get it back. Unable to afford housing at fair market rent, they become vulnerable to homelessness.

SOS prevents evictions and reduces risk of homelessness for Section 8/Housing Choice voucher residents. Families at-risk of losing their housing subsidy are referred to SOS through the Ann Arbor Housing Commission. The eviction prevention coordinator helps them with leasing, grievance procedures, paperwork, and utility resources. SOS's coordinator prevents evictions – often in less than 30 days – and works with landlords to convince more of them to rent to Section 8/ Housing Choice voucher families.



 **152 households Evictions Prevented**

PROGRAM BUDGET:



\$94,523



\$1,331

allows one household to avoid eviction and homelessness.

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