



SAFE PARK REPORT

01/01/2009-06/01/2009

OVERVIEW

15 Families Served	2 Families Unknown/Presumed Housed
29 Children	1 Family Unknown/Presumed homeless
27 Adults	4 from Emergency Housing to own Apt.
9 Families went into Emergency housing	6 Families in Emergency housing currently
2 Families went from Car Park to own housing	3 Families going into Transitional
1 Family currently in Car Park	15 single people turned away

Not having cooking facilities is a hardship for these families that strains the already limited budget of food stamps. To help elevate the hunger pains we give each family a small electric pot to heat water, some cup-a-soups, Granola Bars, hot chocolate, and pudding Cups. We also supply them with blankets, sleeping bags, towels, and pillows, as needed. Each family receives one of the hygiene kits assembled and donated by County employees in the Department of Personnel & Human Services and a Trac-Phone.

11 families are too poor to have a car and are camping in local parks and woods.

Two more families going into Safe Park on 06/05/2009

TERMINOLOGY

Home Base- A division of HeadStart for Prenatal through to toddlers. A case managed program that comes to the parents and works with them and their child on Parenting skills, developmental mile stones, nutrition, education and other child related issues.

RALF Program- Rental Assistance Leverage Fund- Clients are required to take three financial education classes and sign a contract. Then they save money and KCR will match up to \$750.00 to be used for moving costs.

FAMILIES

The following is a list of the families served at Safe Park through June 1st and a short review of our experiences:

Family #1.....1/5/2009-1/14/2009

This is a young family with a two parent household. Mom was pregnant with a high risk pregnancy, a four year old daughter and 3 year old son. Husband lost his construction job due to downsizing. He has had a hard time finding more employment. Mom had her baby one month pre term on 2/11/2009. Mom and baby are doing much better and baby is home from the hospital. Oldest child is now enrolled in HeadStart, and younger child and infant are enrolled in Home base, both through KCR. Mom is currently taking GED classes through the literacy Council as part of her case management plan and Dad is working part time, with Family, and looking for full time work.. They are doing well in emergency housing, and are good candidates for Transitional if a unit is available.

UPDATE: This family took all three of our RALF classes and completed our Emergency Housing Program moving into unsubsidized housing of their own.

Family #2.....1/26/2009-2/13/2009

This is a two parent household with a three year old son. Wife was laid off from her long term job and husband does seasonal construction work and was not working. They left their home to avoid an eviction on their record. This family was newly homeless with no family or friends who could help. They are now in emergency housing, and get their Section 8 voucher on 03/12/2009. Their son has been enrolled in full day HeadStart through KCR and is being evaluated and treated for his special needs. They are attending the RALF classes and saving their money so they can get a Section 8 home they can afford. Both parents are looking for work and Dad is looking into enrolling in Olympic College's welding program for spring quarter.

UPDATE: Family exited emergency housing on 04/01/2009 and moved into a 2 bedroom house through section 8. They also took all three of the RALF classes and upon completing had saved enough money to fully access the RALF funds for deposit and rent for their new place. Mom found a job at a local motel and Dad is going to school and doing odd jobs through current landlord.

Family #3.....2/09/2009-2/18/2009

This is a single mom with a one year old son. We met this mother at Operation Connect the annual homeless Point in time count. She had open heart surgery shortly after the birth of her son and became homeless as a result of her illness. She was living with friends for 3 or 4 months until they lost their housing. She now has a pace maker and has been approved for light work by her doctor. She is in emergency housing and is looking hard for a job and researching possible educational opportunities. Her child is on the Early HeadStart waitlist.

UPDATE: Mom got a p/t job and moved into our Transitional Housing Program on 05/18/2009. She is doing well and has taken two of the RALF classes. She plans on

attending OC in the Fall and has followed through on the financial Aid and registering requirements.

Family #4.....02/17-02/19/2009

This family consists of 2 parents and four children, ages 9, 5, 4, and 3. This family became homeless after they relocated from Hawaii last August. They had been living with family, but the extra 6 people were too much. The wife has been working for Wal-Mart since November and husband has been working with a recruiter to join the Army. The 2 oldest are enrolled in school and the 2 youngest were enrolled into HeadStart through KCR. They are now placed in Emergency Housing.

UPDATE: Family has left our Emergency Housing Program for permanent housing. They participated in the RALF program and had saved enough money to fully utilize the RALF funds.

Family #5.....02/27/2009-3/9/2009

Family number five is a single mom with an eight year old son. She has been homeless over a year due to family crisis and break up. She has been living until recently with a variety of friends and family, until she ran out. She had been living in her car for over a month before she was referred to us by Surviving Change. She is working in Gig harbor, and her son is enrolled in school in Port Orchard. She was moved into Emergency Housing 03/09/2009.

UPDATE: This family is doing really well and will be moving into an unsubsidized apartment in Gig Harbor by June 15th. She has almost finished her GED and will have it completed by her move out. She is planning to start college in Tacoma in the fall and her case manager is working with her to access funding through scholarships and financial aid.

Family #6.....03/06/2009-04/01/2009

This is a two parent household with six children ages, 14, 12, 11, 9, 7, and 5. The mother is employed full time, but when the Father was injured on the job last year, it started a downward spiral that caused them to be evicted. They had been staying with Family but a family of eight was too big to absorb easily. The older children are staying with school friends, because the vehicle is too small for everyone. The father also tries to alternate the younger children into family's houses, so no one is in the car all the time. They are still in the car park. Their goal is for the father to research educational opportunities that will allow him to go back to work in non-seasonal, non-physical employment. Mom is continuing to work. They are signed up to attend the RALF classes and are saving money.

UPDATE: This family is currently in emergency housing and will be moving into Transitional housing as soon as the unit is available. They have attended all the RALF classes and are still saving money. Family is doing well and the Dad has started school at OC for automotive. Mom is working full time.

Family #7.....03/16/2009-3/30/2009

A single dad with one son, this family became homeless when father and his long time girlfriend broke up. Father has good job, but had no savings to get into new apartment. He stayed in the car park for a little over a week, but failed to check in after that. There has been no further contact.

Family #8.....03/12/2009-03/19/2009

Two young parents with a three year old son moved up here from Oregon. They are having a difficult time finding a place to live due to Dad's juvenile record. They are currently in emergency housing. The case manager is helping the family navigate the legal system and referring him to legal aid to get Dad's criminal history closed or expunged. Mom is working and Dad is looking for work. This family is slotted to go into Transitional housing by 06/19/2009.

Family #9.....03/13/2009-03/24/2009

This is a two parent family with two children, the oldest daughter is pregnant. This family is chronically homeless. Both Mom and Dad have serious mental Health issues, and the children are special needs. Dad has recent criminal history. They have an RV and wanted someplace to park it where they had electricity and plumbing. Due to this and the family's special needs they were not a good fit for our Emergency Housing program. Referred the parents to KMH and suggested local RV parks. Family disappeared from Car Park.. No further contact has been made.

Family #10.....03/31/2009-04/14/2009

Two parent family with two children. Mother has a six grade education and is on SSA. Father has an open injury case with Labor and industries. Family had been staying in hotels. Family disappeared from Car Park. There has been no further contact.

Family #11.....03/31/2009-04/13/2009

Two parent household with a six year old son. Both parents were out of work. They had been staying in a camper at a church member's house but due to county regulations, they had to leave. Parents were pan-handling at Freeway exits to support themselves. They were also taking odd jobs garnered from the same place. They are currently in emergency housing and are both employed, attending Financial Education classes and saving money.

Family #12.....04/06/2009-04/10/2009

Mom is a single disabled woman who receives SSDI with a two year old daughter. Mom is homeless due to landlord foreclosure. Luckily, due to strong church support and Mom's savings account was able to get a new place to live within 4 days. Family exited car park into an unsubsidized apartment.

Family #13.....04/10/2009-04/24/2009

This is a family of four. Mom currently employed part time with KCR through HeadStart at Naval site. Dad is educated, with degree and experience in IT field. He is currently looking for work. They are Homeless due to Landlord being foreclosed upon. Their two school age boys are attending Naval Elementary School. Family is placed in Emergency Housing. Family plans to finish school year here and move to Arizona to be with family, and to increase job opportunities for father.

Family #14.....04/21/2009-05/05/2009

Young couple both with significant mental health issues. Mother is 8 months pregnant and due 06/11/2009. She is receiving intensive outpatient therapy at KMH. Currently she is on TANF but is on SSI track. Father is level 1 registered sex offender as young juvenile, working to get record expunged due to real culprit confessing to crime two years after client was charged. More recent DV charge (broke window). He is not currently on meds due to cost. He receives SSA and has Medicare as insurance. Dad also has payee for bills. His criminal history is preventing him from getting housing. Family has an RV. Due to these issues the family is not appropriate for Emergency Housing Program. The clients were referred to Home Base/HeadStart to maintain case management and were helped to get into an RV/trailer Park.

Family #15.....05/11/2009-Current

Parents stated they moved up here to be closer to family and were unable to find work.. They were staying with family but was kicked out because the house was too full and the other guests had been there first. Mom finished the 11th grade and needs to complete her GED. Her second child is due 07/08/09. Dad is currently in National Guard and gets \$240.00 a month from them. Family is getting help through the Minute Men project, and Dad is doing the paperwork to enlist fulltime. Plan to place into emergency housing by June 15th.