

SOLVING CHILD HOMELESSNESS IN VERMONT

~450 families + over 550 children
are experiencing homelessness in our state

Unhoused VT families + children are being served through:

- Transitional Housing Programs: 267 households
- General Assistance Emergency Housing: 42 households
- Shelters: ~100 families across VT



→ Housing is a top priority. This investment creates a transformative opportunity to house all people experiencing homelessness, including families.

All children deserve to thrive, but those experiencing homelessness:

- Have higher levels of emotional and behavioral challenges
- Have increased risk of serious health problems
- Are more likely to experience separations from their families
- Experience more school mobility, are more likely to repeat a grade, be expelled or drop out of school, and have lower academic performance*

*when compared to low-income families, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness

→ Solving child homelessness will help break the generational cycle of poverty, save money in the long term, and help to build a safe and healthy community.

WE CAN DO MORE TO SOLVE CHILD HOMELESSNESS

Sustain the Housing Voucher Program

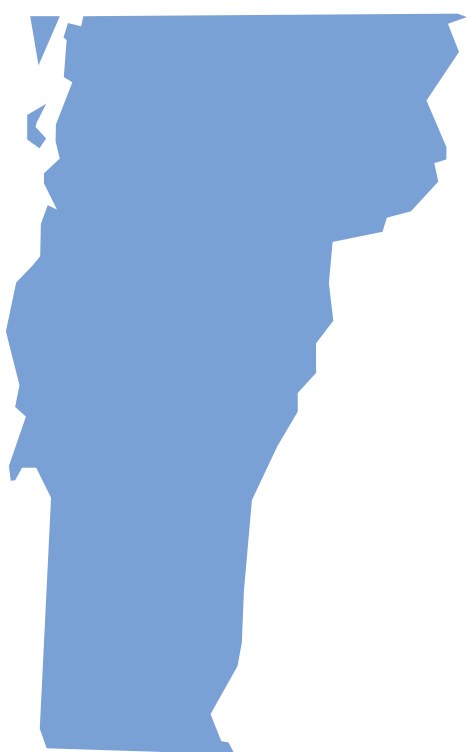
FY'23: Additional \$2.1 million for vouchers, in addition to \$3 million added to BAA. \$1.5 million for coordinated holistic support services (positions can be added to Family Supportive Housing and use additional Medicaid funding).

FY'24: \$3.4 million to reach ~450 families in total.

Each year after: \$1.7 million to house families coming into homelessness (~80/yr), along with the annual budget of \$1.5 million for support services.

Ensure Coordinated Holistic Support Services

FY'24 and each year after: \$1.7 million/yr for 15 Family Care Coordinators to streamline services, maximize resources, and maintain a list of families in need of housing statewide.



Together, with this modest and strategic investment, we can solve child homelessness in Vermont.



This proposed initiative augments current and upcoming initiatives to house families experiencing homelessness, including Vermont Rental Subsidy, Family Supportive Housing, and the HOME program.