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# Orange County Family Assessment Week Ending Family Homelessness in Brange County

Tuesday May 23rd-Thursday May 25th

Community Briefing: Friday, June 2nd 9am-11am • Costa Mesa City Council Chambers

## What is the Family Assessment Week?

The Orange County Family Assessment week will be a focused effort to reach all of the community's homeless families through the combined effort of the County of Orange, 2110C and the A2 Family Cohort. The A2 Family Cohort is comprised of the following organizations: American Family Housing, Families Forward, Family Assistance Ministries, Mercy House, Pathways of Hope, and South County Outreach. The A2 Family Cohort was created in 2014 to collaborate in the shared vision of ending family homelessness. Since its start, the A2 Cohort has added partners such as Serving People In Need and Colette's Children's Home to align our efforts and end family homelessness.

# Our principles

We believe we can end family homelessness in Orange County by providing appropriate housing interventions to meet each family's needs. By knowing each homeless family by name and having an assessment of their needs, as a coordinated system, we can provide the needed housing interventions and supportive services to reduce the time each family experiences homelessness, in turn bringing us closer to ending family homelessness.

### Based on best practices nationwide we will follow this key framework:

- Housing First: Permanent, safe, appropriate and affordable housing, with the support necessary to sustain it, happens first and fast. We believe housing is a right for all families.
- Knowing who's out there: Every homeless family is known by name because a system of care has been established that any family on the verge of homelessness can easily access.
- Tracking our progress: With the support of all participating local family-serving agencies, data collected during the Family Assessment Week will be incorporated into our local Coordinated Entry System. This effort will help inform the increase of needed interventions and create a plan and timeline for ending family homelessness.
- Improving local systems: Support the local effort to build coordinated housing and support systems that are simple to navigate, while targeting resources quickly and efficiently to the families who need it the most.

## How can you join the campaign?

Assessment sites, volunteers, and monetary donations will be needed for the execution of the Orange County Family Assessment Week. Please visit www.homelessfamiliescount.com for further information or to sign up to support this endeavor to end family homelessness in Orange County.





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### SERVICE PLANNING AREAS La Habra (O) Fullerton Yorba Linda Pathways of Hope La Palma Anaheim Cypress Villa Park Los Alamitos Garden Grove Unincorporated Westminster American Family Housing Mercy House Seal Beach Santa Ana Tustin Colette's Childrens' Home Fountain Valley **Forward** Families Serving People In Need (SPIN) Huntington Beach Lake Forest Cities of North Region Costa Mesa South County Outreach ANAHEIM BREA BUENA PARK Rancho Santa Margarita CYPRESS FULLERTON **Newport Beach** aguna Woods Mission Viejo LA HABRA Cities of Central Region LA PALMA Laguna Hills LOS ALAMITOS COSTA MESA liso Viejo MIDWAY CITY CDP FOUNTAIN VALLEY ORANGE PLACENTIA GARDEN GROVE HUNTINGTON BEACH Cities of South Region ROSSMOOR CDP Laguna Beach NEWPORT BEACH ALISO VIEJO STANTON aguna Niguel VILLA PARK COTO DE CAZA CDP SANTA ANA SEAL BEACH YORBA LINDA DANA POINT IRVINE LADERA RANCH CDP San Juan Capistrano TUSTIN WESTMINSTER LAGUNA BEACH LAGUNA HILLS Dana Point LAGUNA NIGUEL LAGUNA WOODS Family Assistance San Clemente Region LAKE FOREST LAS FLORES CDP Ministries (FAM) North Region MISSION VIEJO RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA Central Region SAN CLEMENTE SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO health South Region