



Bringing Families Home

Background: In 2018, the Department of Children and Family Services implemented the countywide Bringing Families Home (BFH) program in efforts to reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The BFH program, which is fully state funded, aims at reducing housing insecurities while increasing family reunification and preventing foster care placements.

Program Eligibility

All four criteria must be met:

1. An open DCFS case that is in Voluntary or Court ordered Family Maintenance (FM) or Family Reunification (FR). Enhancement Services do not qualify. Legal Guardians with an open FM or FR case may also qualify.
2. Homeless or at risk for homelessness. Self-attestation is acceptable.
3. Income limit of 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Los Angeles County.
4. Voluntarily agrees to participate in the program.

Note: Non-Minor Dependents with children may qualify if they are receiving FM or FR services for their children.

Referrals for BFH Services

- CSWs refer parent(s) by emailing the BFH Inbox: B6HomelessServices@dcfs.lacounty.gov
- For referral updates CSWs may contact the inbox.
- DCFS BFH staff will connect with Case Carrying CSW to determine parent(s) eligibility.
- Services are provided through local community partners (BFH agency) in each Service Planning Area (SPA) where a BFH Case Manager will be assigned to work with the parent(s).
- Parents and third-party agencies (except legal counsel) may also email directly.
- Parents' legal counsel and their employees must contact the assigned County Counsel or the County Counsel's BFH Liaison by email at: BringingFamiliesHome@counsel.lacounty.gov and CC the assigned trial County Counsel.

Services Provided*

- Rapid Rehousing & Prevention Services.
- Case management & supportive services.
- Housing navigation & stabilization.
- Eviction prevention.
- Employment services.
- Assistance with rental arrears, move in costs and basic furniture.
- Time Limited rental assistance with incremental decreases (step-down support).
- Limited legal services.

* Terms and Conditions apply

Program Limitations

Ability to pay:

- Rental assistance is individualized, time-limited and not guaranteed for a set period.
- BFH utilizes a step-down assistance approach. Parents must show progress towards affording housing long-term.

Ability to Find Housing:

- Parents must actively search for housing leads, in addition to those provided by BFH Case Managers.
- Housing shortage and limited affordable housing in LA County may cause delays beyond DCFS and BFH program's control.
- Participation in BFH does not guarantee housing.