



Solid Ground housed 118 adults and 224 children (342 persons) in 88 families in 2017 in our site-based and scattered-site housing programs for families experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, Solid Ground served another 28 families (81 persons) in housing search during the year. Of these, we were unable to secure housing for 22 households and 6 households were still in housing search at the end of the year. *see footnote

Eighty-five percent (85%) of persons served during the year came to Solid Ground from Ramsey and Washington Counties. Seventy-five percent (75%) of adults and children served were persons of color, primarily African American. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the parents served were age 30 or under. Forty-five percent (45%) of children in Solid Ground housing in 2017 were age 5 or younger.

2017 Outcomes for All Programs

Housing Stability:

Goal #1: 90% of families in Solid Ground housing achieve housing stability.

2017 Result: 98% of 88 families in Solid Ground housing achieved housing stability.

Goal #2: 80% of families exiting from Solid Ground housing secure permanent housing upon exit.

2017 Result: 67% of 36 families exiting from Solid Ground housing secured permanent housing upon exit.

Improved Economic Stability:

Goal #1: 50% of adults have a job at year-end or exit.

2017 Result: 38% of 118 adults had a job at year-end or exit.

Note: 49% of 88 households were employed at year-end or exit, which helps account for a higher number of two-parent households (where one parent chooses to stay home to care for young children) as well as a higher number of youth aged 18+ still in school.

Goal #2: 50% of households increase their income at program exit.

2017 Result: 44% of 36 families increased their income at exit.

Educational Advancement:

Goal #1: 90% of school-age children have regular school attendance.

2017 Result: 98% of 102 school-age children regularly attended school.

Goal #2: 65% of adults who are enrolled in an education or job training program complete or actively make progress in that program.

2017 Result: 88% of 16 adults who were enrolled in an education or job training program completed or actively made progress in that program.

Improved Health

Goal #1: 70% of adults who abuse substances will work toward sobriety.

2017 Result: 84% of 31 adults who abuse substances worked toward sobriety.

Goal #2: 60% of adults with a diagnosed mental illness are receiving treatment.

2017 Result: 88% of 55 adults with a diagnosed mental illness received treatment.

Community Connections:

Goal: 85% of participants access resources and/or are involved in their community.

2017 Result: 75% of 342 participants accessed resources or were involved in their community.

Additional Outcomes Goals for East Metro Place for 2017

Families Are Strengthened

Goal #1: 80% of families achieve at least one parenting goal.

2017 Result: 96% of 50 families achieved at least one parenting goal.

Goal #2: 80% of families achieve at least one budgeting goal.

2017 Result: 98% of 50 families achieved a budgeting goal.

Goal #3: 80% of adults in housing for at least one year complete tenant training.

2017 Result: 88% of 34 adults completed tenant training.

* In recent years, the Twin Cities rental vacancy rate has hovered around 2%, with the vacancy rate for affordable units even lower. The families served by Solid Ground have barriers such as low incomes, poor credit and criminal histories, and are increasingly spending a longer time in housing search. During this time, it is common for clients to disengage with Solid Ground and exit from services without housing. The number of families that are ultimately unable to attain housing after six months of housing search assistance with Solid Ground is also increasing.