



Solid Ground housed 107 adults and 190 children (297 persons) in 82 families in 2018 in our site-based and scattered-site housing programs for families experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, Solid Ground served another 20 families (61 persons) in housing search during the year. Of these, we were unable to secure housing for 15 households and 5 households were still in housing search at the end of the year\*(see footnote).

Seventy-one percent (71%) of persons served during the year came to Solid Ground from Ramsey and Washington Counties. Seventy-six percent (76%) of adults and children served were persons of color, primarily African American. Both parents and children served by Solid Ground in 2018 are younger than in years past; 28% of parents were 18-24 years old, and 51% of children were 0-5 years old.

### 2018 Outcomes for All Programs

#### **Housing Stability:**

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

2018 Result: 96% of 82 families in Solid Ground housing achieved housing stability.

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

2018 Result: 65% of 23 families exiting from Solid Ground housing secured permanent housing upon exit. Another 17% of families secured housing within six months of exit with Solid Ground assistance.

#### **Improved Economic Stability:**

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

2018 Result: 38% of 107 adults had a job at year-end or exit.

Note: 48% of 82 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.**

2018 Result: 52% of 23 families increased their income at exit.

#### **Educational Advancement:**

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

2018 Result: 99% of 114 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.**

2018 Result: 87% of 15 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.**

2018 Result: 84% of 37 adults who abuse substances worked toward sobriety.

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

2018 Result: 78% of 54 adults with a diagnosed mental illness received treatment.

## Community Connections:

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

2018 Result: 90% of 297 participants accessed resources or were involved in their community.

## Additional Outcomes Goals for East Metro Place for 2018

## Families Are Strengthened

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

2018 Result: 94% of 50 families achieved at least one parenting goal.

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

2018 Result: 92% of 50 families achieved a budgeting goal.

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

2018 Result: 82% of 34 families 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.