


2015 CORE MESSAGES

MISSION: TO END HOMELESSNESS, IMPACT POVERTY, AND REMOVE BARRIERS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR THE FAMILIES WE SERVE.

TRENDS AND THE IMPACT ON OUR PROGRAM

 For the past five years, half of the homeless in KC have been families.

 The Rapid Re-housing model is a **PROVEN COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION** to ending homelessness nationally.

 **Minimum wage**
Wage needed to afford fair-market rent 

 **Cost to house family of 3 at Community LINC**
Cost per year not housing family of 3



IMPACT OF OUR PROGRAM



SERVED: 4,000 families


11,800 individuals




8,500 children

IN 2014





Exited to permanent homes    Moved in with friends or family

 2013 was the best year since 2007 for increases in client taxable income and for the percent of families exiting above the poverty level.

FROM 2008-2014

Did not become homeless again   From 2008-2014, 94% of the families served have not become homeless again.

KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS

-  Careful screening that we serve the most vulnerable homeless families.
-  Program model that is **A HAND UP**, not a hand out.
-  A Rapid Re-housing model, which **REDUCES COST-PER-FAMILY SERVED BY \$11,585 A YEAR.**
-  **CORE COMPETENCIES** in housing, employment services, coaching, budgeting, mental wellness counseling, life skills training, and exposure to healthy lifestyles.