

FAMILY SHELTER

DEFINITION



Family Homelessness is defined as families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, like places not meant for human habitation or living in a shelter

SEPARATION

Families experiencing homelessness undergo long wait times for shelter and often have to split up the family between other friends/family members, or stay in unsafe situations while waiting for crisis housing units.

CAUSES

Families may become homeless due to a number of reasons such as socioeconomic status, access to resources, affordable housing, and relationship breakdowns.

NEXT STEPS

The next immediate step is to create 29 additional units of emergency family shelter

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

For an optimal family homelessness response system, Des Moines/Polk County needs:

6 slots of Homelessness Prevention

6 slots of Diversion/Rapid Exit

29 units of Emergency Shelter

4 slots of Rapid Rehousing

17 units of Permanent Supportive Housing



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