

The map to a bright future starts with a place to call home. We can help families in your school district find the way.

Housing for Success housing navigators help people identify and overcome their barriers. A housing navigator provides resources and partners with families to take steps toward safe and stable housing.

This program is made possible by Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA) funding through Dakota County.

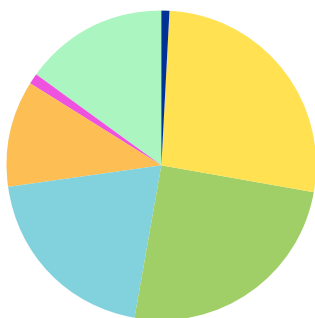
Total numbers served in Dakota County

436 Individuals **262** Children **134** Families

WHO WE SERVE

Race/Ethnicity Demographics

- African: 1%
- Black/African American: 27%
- Hispanic/Latino: 25%
- White Non-Latino/Caucasian: 20%
- Multi-Racial: 11%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 1%
- Unknown: 15%



REFERRAL COMPLETIONS

Housing navigators refer families to external programs and resources. Of the referrals made by our staff, the percentages below are a testament to the trusting relationships our staff foster with families and the follow-up they do with them.

Legal Assistance		75%
Financial		90%
Housing		87%
Employment		67%
External Food		53%

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

YEAR THREE OUTCOMES:

\$295,978

in financial assistance distributed
to overcome barriers to secure housing



54 FAMILIES STABLY-HOUSED, INCLUDING
67 ADULTS AND **129 CHILDREN**

PARTICIPANT GOAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Employment		64%
Housing		82%
Financial Stability		76%

HOLISTIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Tangibles <i>School supplies, winter gear, personal care items, household goods, etc.</i>	1,212 times for 79 clients
Resource Navigation <i>Sharing requirements/procedures, helping clients find ways to reduce barriers</i>	997 times for 98 clients
Emotional Support <i>Providing empathy, active listening, to clients in distress or crisis, fostering hope and effective coping strategies</i>	720 times for 82 clients
Application Assistance <i>Rental/energy assistance, medical assistance, etc.</i>	299 items for 75 clients
Housing Search <i>Helping qualified families find affordable housing options</i>	285 times for 65 clients
Expungement Navigation <i>Assisting families navigate through past evictions and potential opportunities for expungement</i>	85 times for 25 clients



Housing for Success is a partnership between Dakota County schools and 360 Communities. Families are referred through their school district and assessed for eligibility for the program and financial assistance through Dakota County.

Testimonials from our Housing for Success housing navigators in Dakota County:

Overcoming barriers, one step at a time

Jessie faced many challenges at once. She was experiencing homelessness and staying with her three children in her grandmother's home. An eviction and nearly \$3,500 in rental debt made it nearly impossible for her to secure housing, while her children were also facing adversity at school and needed additional support. We met every week around her kitchen table to create a plan, complete housing applications, make phone calls, and work through each barrier one step at a time. I also partnered with her school social worker to connect the family with transportation, school resources, food, clothing, and other essentials so they could focus on moving forward.

We paid off Jessie's rental debt and had her eviction removed from her record, clearing the path to new housing options. Although several applications were denied, her hard work paid off. Together, we found an affordable apartment that fit her family's needs. 360 Communities helped with food, gas cards, school supplies, clothing, and connections to community resources, while Bridging furnished their new home with donated furniture. Today, Jessie and her children have a safe, stable place to call home, where the kids can thrive and the entire family can look toward the future with hope.

“ We are so thankful for this tangible, amazing resource. ”

— Partners for Success school staff, District 196

In 2025-26, our housing navigators:

- Partnered with school liaisons and staff to identify, support, and refer families needing housing services
- Leveraged expertise to identify and remove barriers to housing
- Distributed all financial assistance for rent, deposits, application fees, vital documents, and additional rental assistance

Determined mother finds stability

For Maria, her dream was to be healthy enough to provide for her two children. When I first met Maria, her family was staying with a friend because they had nowhere else to go. She worked hard to support her kids, but finding an apartment without documentation was difficult. Despite every obstacle, she was determined and resourceful. She quickly acted on every suggestion I offered her. She opened a bank account, gathered paperwork, and worked seven days a week to save for the future she wanted for her family. Together, we found an apartment complex that welcomed her family. 360 Communities helped with the

resources needed to make the move possible. Just when things seemed to be falling into place, Maria was faced with a serious medical crisis that required surgery. Housing for Success provided temporary rental assistance and, just as importantly, a steady source of encouragement during one of the hardest times in her life. Today, she has recovered, remains in stable housing, and continues working toward the future she dreamed of for her children. Sometimes a small amount of support can help someone overcome extraordinary challenges. Maria's resilience has made the difference.



Escaping abuse, finding hope

Elena and her teenage daughter had recently escaped abuse and were staying at 360 Communities' Lewis House shelter. She was unemployed at the time and worried that no landlord would approve her application. Even so, she never stopped fighting for herself and her daughter.

We worked together to complete the paperwork needed for financial assistance, and 360 Communities helped cover her security deposit and first month's rent. When she left shelter, she was able to

move into her own apartment. I delivered household essentials, blankets, and other items to help transform the apartment into a home. Soon after moving in, Elena secured a job. She needed to cover the gap before her first paycheck. We provided gas cards, grocery assistance, and referred her to Bridging so she could furnish her apartment. Her determination inspired me. Watching Elena work so hard to create stability reminds me every day that resilience, along with resources at the right time, can open the door to a new chapter in life.