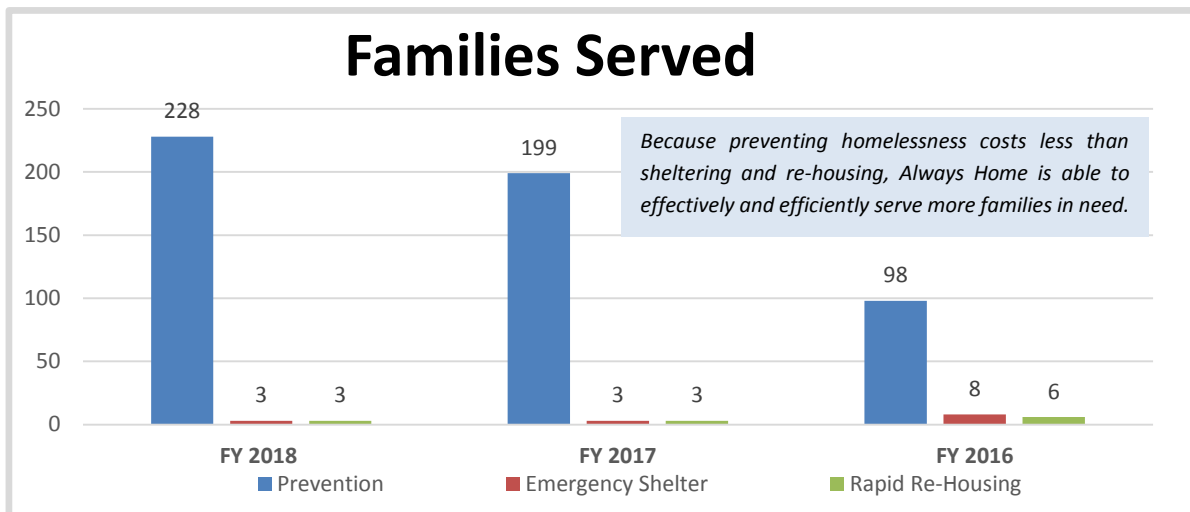




Year in Review FY 2018
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Always Home, Inc. (formerly Mystic Area Shelter & Hospitality) was founded in 1998 to address the needs of Southeastern Connecticut’s homeless and imminently homeless families. Our mission is **Preventing Family Homelessness**. Always Home is unique in that we are the only non-profit service provider in the region dedicated exclusively to serving families with children. We strive to give parents the tools they need to overcome their housing crisis so that they can focus on the well-being of their children. In the 20 years since our founding, Always Home has helped over 1,600 families achieve housing stability through pioneering homelessness prevention, emergency shelter and rapid re-housing services.

In Fiscal Year 2018, Always Home provided support to 231 homeless and at-risk families. By continuing our focus on preventing homelessness, 228 of these families (98.7%) never had to enter the emergency shelter system.

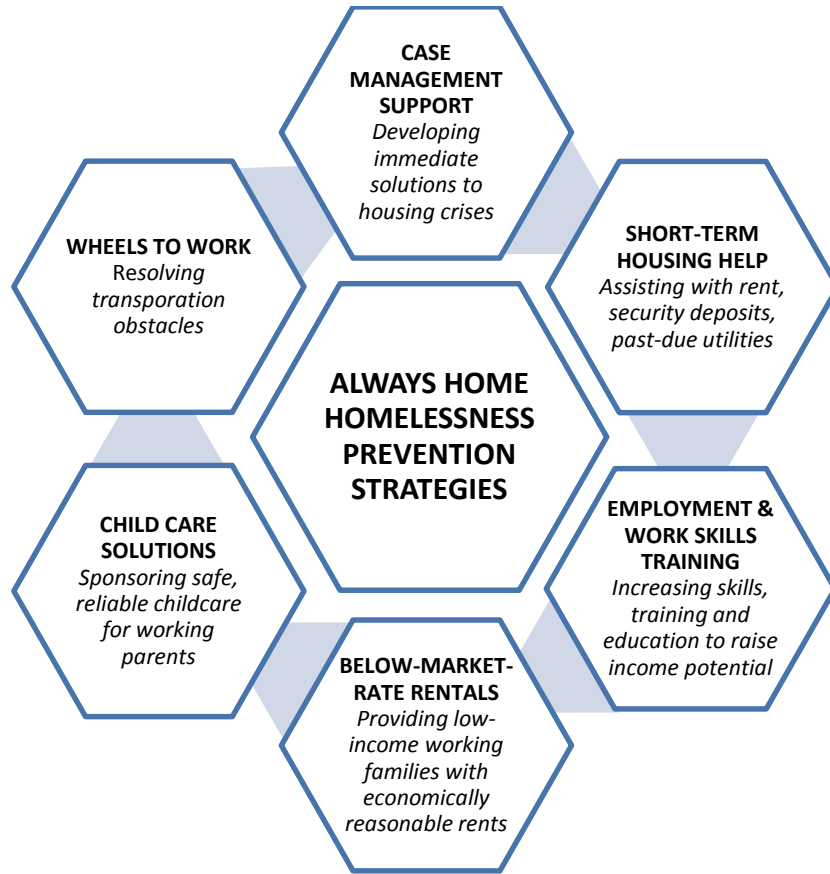


With Always Home’s help, these families found immediate solutions to their housing crisis. Only 3 families required temporary shelter and were rapidly re-housed.

The 231 families helped in FY 2018 were comprised of a total of 729 family members, including 435 children. At Always Home, we see too many parents who experienced homelessness when they were young. By helping parents avoid homelessness today and create a more resilient future for their children, Always Home hopes to break this cycle of generational poverty and homelessness.

The typical Always Home client family is living at or near the Federal Poverty Level, struggling to afford Connecticut’s high rents on their low-wage jobs. These economically challenged families are so precariously housed that a relatively minor crisis (a costly car repair, a sick child, fewer work shifts) can threaten their housing stability enough to result in homelessness.

The following strategies form the cornerstone of Always Home’s efforts to reduce the number of families falling into homelessness. All of these prevention efforts focus on eliminating the core barriers that contribute to job insecurity and ultimately, housing instability. Always Home’s goal is always to solve a family’s immediate housing emergency and to create a path to long-term housing stability.



Always Home would not be able to provide these critical services without generous community support. We are grateful to the philanthropic individuals, businesses, foundations, state and municipal agencies, local Rotaries and faith communities who together contributed \$400,000 in FY2018.

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