## SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING



Safe and stable housing is foundational to quality of life in the 24:1. Many community members experience housing instability, which can undermine their potential and make long-term educational and career goals almost impossible. Several organizations support community members navigating this issue.

Housing instability can affect anyone, including youth, and it can take many different forms: some rely on the kindness of friends, hopping from couch to couch, while others resort to sleeping in cars, abandoned buildings, or on the street.

To address these issues, Coalition Members work to provide safe and stable housing opportunities for people in the 24:1 community. With a sturdy foundation, people can build the lives they want for themselves and their families.

## School and Work

It's hard to focus on school or maintain a job if you don't know where you're sleeping at night. Safe and stable housing allows people to fully focus on their goals, opening the door for future success.

## **Health Outcomes**

Safe and stable housing vastly improves behavioral, physical, and mental health outcomes. Without this basic need, people are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, criminal activity, or substance abuse, which harms their health and wellbeing.

## **Long-Term Goals**

Safe and stable housing allows people to focus on longterm housing goals, like credit repair or saving to buy a house. This allows them to build a better life for themselves and their families.



"Stability brings a feeling of safety. It allows the family to prosper in different areas of their life, such as education and mental health. I know that when the residents feel stable, they're more apt to prosper in other areas of their lives."

**Denitra Day**Housing Resource Manager
Beyond Housing

Members of the Community Impact Network's Back2Basics Coalition address housing instability's immediate needs; give people access to quality rental housing, including public housing, subsidized, and market-rate rental housing; and help people purchase their own affordable quality home.



**Epworth Children and Family Services** provides a variety of services to empower unhoused youth, including an emergency shelter, drop-in center, and transitional programs:



St. Vincent's Home for Children provides high quality, professional treatment and residential services to meet the changing needs of struggling children and families:

www.saintvincenthome.org



Beyond Housing offers affordable rental homes, coupled with resources, services, and programs that help families reach goals and achieve dreams:

www.beyondhousing.org

