

Homeward Bound Families



Homeward Bound serves low-income, homeless, impending homeless and domestic violence families with children. We serve the segment of the population considered “transitional.” Our families are motivated to succeed and have the skills to succeed, but need help to move forward; their goal is self-sufficiency.

How are families selected?

Families accepted into the Homeward Bound program must meet the following criteria:

- legal custody of children under the age of 18
- proof of homelessness or a domestic violence survivor
- employed full-time*
- substance abuse free
- low income (50% of area median income based on HUD guidelines)

How do families learn about Homeward Bound?

Families are often referred by:

- other Homeward Bound clients
- state agencies (e.g. DES and JOBS)
- other social service agencies
- shelters
- churches and employers
- Family Sponsors/donors

What is the process for applying to become a Homeward Bound client?

1. Call 602 263-7654 and indicate that you want to apply.
(NOTE: Homeward Bound receives more than 700 calls a month for assistance.)
2. The Intake Coordinator will contact you and conduct a telephone pre-screen.
3. If you meet Homeward Bound's criteria based on the pre-screen, you will be asked to pick up an application at the Homeward Bound office.
4. Fill out the application and return the fully completed application to Homeward Bound.
5. If your application is complete and you are a qualified Homeward Bound prospective client, you will be invited to participate in an interview with the Homeward Bound intake staff.
6. Following the intake interview, the applicant is informed of program acceptance.
(Referrals are made to applicants that do not qualify for the Homeward Bound program.)

**Exceptions can be made in cases of domestic violence and when there are temporary barriers to employment.*