

SAFE & STABLE HOMES

Public Policy Priorities



United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County and community partners are focused on supporting programs that will end family homelessness in our entire four-county footprint. We know change happens with financial investments from passionate donors. We also know the importance of public policy. Join us in supporting this work via the opportunities listed below.

Eviction Prevention

Evictions are a leading cause of housing insecurity and homelessness. Increasing access to legal services, financial assistance, and mediation programs help prevent evictions before they occur.

Policy Opportunities:

- Sustain funding for EvictionFreeMKE within the Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee's annual budgets.
- Make EvictionFreeMKE permanent by expanding the Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee's Right to Counsel resolutions into ordinances.

Affordable Housing Access

Rising housing costs place low-income families at greater risk for homelessness. Expanded programs and funding streams can create more affordable, accessible housing in our community.

Policy Opportunity:

- Mobilize Wisconsin's unspent TANF funding to increase housing support and homelessness prevention for eligible families.

Housing First

Research shows that Housing First programs decreased homelessness by 88% and improved housing stability by 41% compared to other approaches. Despite this success, a national special interest group wants to end Housing First in Wisconsin.

Policy Opportunity:

- Sustain Housing First as Wisconsin's strategy to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Our Goal:
End family
homelessness
in our entire
four-county
footprint
by 2025.