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- WHAT:** Family Services provides transitional housing, education, mentoring, case management, and assistance for permanent housing.
- WHERE:** The Crossing, 6090 Smith Rd., Denver, CO 80216, Phone: 303.313.2440, Fax:303.297.9308
- WHO SERVED:** Homeless working families, seniors and refugees.
- HISTORY:** Family Services programs have been placing homeless working families and seniors in permanent housing since 1988. The Mission's first Family Services program, Family Rescue Ministry (formerly Pros With A Purpose), was originally formed in 1988 as "Punts With A Purpose" by former Denver Bronco Mike Horan. Since its merger with Denver Rescue Mission in 1998, Family Services programs have grown to include the STAR Transitional Housing Program (STAR THP), Family and Senior Homeless Initiative (FSHI) and Family Refugee Services (FRS).
- PROGRAMS:** Family Services provides transitional housing, assistance for permanent housing, mentoring, life-skills training, education, and case management through the following programs:
- STAR Transitional Housing Program:** A unique transition program at The Crossing providing assistance for men, women, families, and seniors, to guide them toward sustaining a self-sufficient lifestyle. This is accomplished as the program participants respond to the program goals of a steady income, efficient budgeting, long-term planning, and healthy lifestyles.
- FSHI:** A response to Mayor Hickenlooper's call to the faith community for 1,000 congregations to embrace and mentor 1,000 homeless families through Denver's Road Home, the city's ten year plan to end homelessness, instituted in 2005. FSHI pairs a faith community mentor team with a homeless family or senior to provide first month's rent and security deposit, as well as mentoring, with the end goal of sustainable permanent housing.
- FRS:** In partnership with Lutheran Family Services, provides services and mentoring for refugee families.
- FRM:** Helps working families who are homeless secure stable housing by funding the security deposit and first month's rent payment in a long-term housing solution. FRM also pairs prescreened families with mentor teams from local congregations and organizations to help guide the families toward long-term self-sufficiency.

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