

Denver Rescue Mission

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FAMILY RESCUE MINISTRY

- WHAT:** Family Rescue Ministry helps provide permanent housing and mentoring for homeless, working families, and mentoring for refugee families.
- WHO SERVED:** All families complete a detailed application process to qualify. The main requirements are: Families who are working or disabled and who have at least one child under the age of 18 living with them. The program serves single parents and couples who are legally married.
- WHERE:** Family Rescue Ministry offices are at the Denver Rescue Mission (DRM) Ministry Outreach Center at 3501 E. 46th Ave., Denver, Colorado 80216.
- PROBLEM:***
- Denver's high rental market is forcing many working poor into homelessness.
 - A failing economy is causing unemployment or insufficient employment.
 - Families with children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.
 - Approximately 67% of the homeless in Denver are families with children.
- PROGRAM:** The goal of Family Rescue Ministry is to help homeless, working families in their efforts to become self-sufficient. Family Rescue Ministry connects pre-screened families with "mentoring teams" from local churches, service organizations and other volunteers from the community that offer the family spiritual, emotional, financial, and physical assistance for at least six months. During this time, Family Rescue Ministry helps families overcome the major obstacle of securing stable housing by funding the security deposit and first month's rent payment in a long-term housing solution. Once the family is settled into a new home, families and mentoring teams often choose to maintain their relationship long after the initial period of assistance.
- Over 75% of our families are single, working mothers trying to support their children.
 - Over 75% of the families we help maintain their housing after one year.
- HISTORY:** The 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 1998, Family Rescue Ministry has flourished as a program of DRM.

**Source: Homelessness in the Denver Metropolitan Area, Point in Time Survey, 1/27/03.*

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