



# Vincent Village, INC.

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Providing shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing  
and supportive services for homeless families

# History of Vincent Village

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- ▶ Since it's first day in December 1989, Vincent Village has provided shelter and supportive services to over 1200 homeless families with children.
- ▶ Beginning in 1996, Vincent Village began developing affordable housing for working families that leave the Vincent House and other transitional shelters in Ft. Wayne. In 2013 it launched the 5 year rental home program, lengthening the time families had in the program despite loss of HUD funding.
- ▶ Vincent Village is a Community Housing Development Organization, having acquired and rehabbed homes around its campus using City of State HOME funds. We have recently co-developed the Affordable Housing Property Bottleworks Lofts, building 19 new single family homes and 31 apartments in the historic Coca-Cola Bottling Plant.



# About Vincent House

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- ▶ The shelter houses 10 families at a time with an average stay of 3-4 months. 82% of the families are led by single mothers.
- ▶ The shelter serves an average of 55 families each year.
- ▶ Each family has their own room, sleeping up to 7 people in one room
- ▶ All families share common areas - kitchen, dining room, living room, play rooms, bathrooms



# Qualifications to Get into Programs:

## Vincent House Transitional Shelter

Must have children or be pregnant, single moms, single dads, married couples or couples with biological children; Must test clean for drugs. Must be in the process of reunification to happen within 6 weeks with DCS.

Two waiting lists- Priority given to those in emergency shelters the YWCA and Just Neighbors.

Second list for those couch surfing, in motels or cars.

Cannot exceed income of 30% of AIM (\$25,000/Family of 4)

## Village Phase II Rental Home Program

Must be coming from a family shelter program.

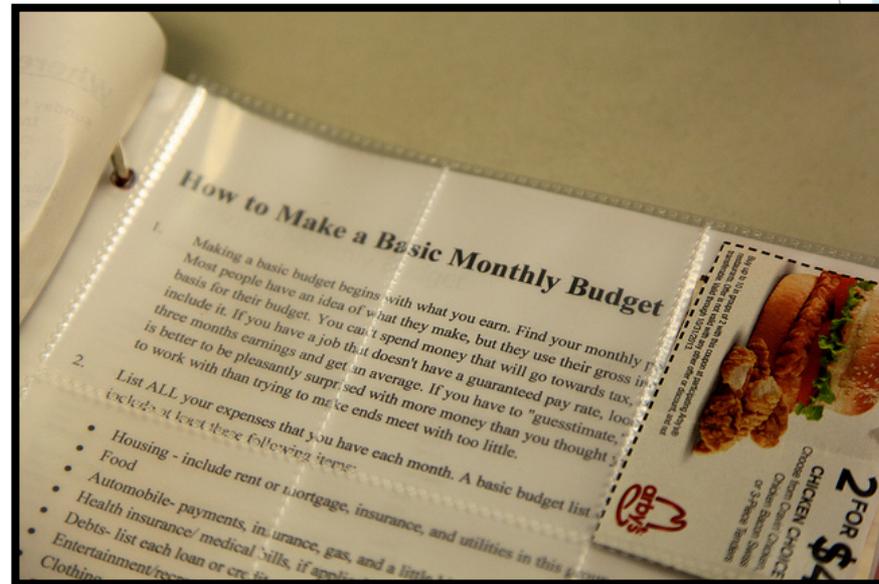
Must be able to get utilities in their name.

Must agree to adhere to self sufficiency program/rules.

Must test clean for drugs.

# About the Vincent House Program

- ▶ Every adult participates in a 40 hour a week schedule, individually constructed that includes HOME Academy classes, job search, volunteer hours and health related activities, intended to prepare for housing. Wellness classes include HEAL Program, Yoga, financial literacy and parenting education.
- ▶ Basic needs are provided while families are living in the shelter that include clothing, food, medication, hygiene products, school supplies, etc.
- ▶ Each adult receives intensive case management focused on individual action plans. Plans focus on barriers such as chronic medical and mental health problems as well as barriers such as lack of childcare and transportation.
- ▶ Children participate in Youth Services - FWCS tutoring, focus groups, outings, etc.



# About the Phase II Program

- ▶ As soon as families obtain employment and acquire a sustainable income, Vincent Village has 35 houses specifically allocated for previously homeless families to move into.
- ▶ Vincent Village provides rental subsidies so families enter the program with a set, low rent amount that includes supportive services, and incentives as families actively participate in the Phase II Program in the Vinnie's store.
- ▶ Parents must remain drug free and participate in a minimum of monthly case management that includes goal setting and budgeting.
- ▶ Each adult receives intensive case management, health assessment by a Parkview Community Nurse, childcare scholarships, Care Car usage and much more.
- ▶ Children continue to participate in Youth Services - tutoring, focus groups, outings, etc.

