



People First. Housing Always.

# WHAT WE DO

Metro Housing addresses and prevents homelessness in Boston by providing supports and services for families and individuals and helps them move along the pathway from homelessness to housing stability to economic security.



#### **HOW WE DO IT**

Metro Housing brings together resources to help families and individuals achieve housing stability, economic security, and an improved quality of life.

We do it by providing knowledge, skills and financial tools to help families:

- Prevent evictions and homelessness.
- Find suitable homes that lead to housing stability, and
- Ensure long-term economic security

We accomplish this through our growing colocation sites, as well as our many programs and services.

### **HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT**

No matter where families and individuals are on the housing continuum — homeless, struggling to keep their home, or stably housed and working towards a better life — Metro Housing can help. No one is turned away.

We meet people where they are, and provide them with answers and solutions to fit their needs.

## **HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT**

Metro Housing positively impacts families' lives by:

- Resolving housing challenges
- Moving families from homelessness to housing
- Making homes safer
- Making rent affordable
- Helping people grow their assets

# **OUR FAMILIES' CHALLENGES**

While Metro Housing manages more than 10,000 vouchers, there are an additional 35,000 families on our waiting list. The family at the top of the waitlist applied in April 2009.

To afford a two bedroom home in Massachusetts, a family has to work 113 hours per week - three full time jobs - at mininum wage or make \$33 per hour and work full time, approximately \$70,000.

(Out of Reach 2019, National Low Income Housing Coalition)