

# One Congregation - One Family

One Congregation - One Family (OCOF) pairs mentors with families experiencing housing instability. Mentor teams from religious congregations, community organizations, and businesses work with families to help them achieve self-sufficiency and build community support systems. The OCOF program is part of Colorado's ongoing efforts to replicate best practice models, support regional priorities and become more strategic in preventing and ending homelessness.



“Homelessness is less about running out of money, and more about running out of relationships.”

- Participating Pastor

*January 2006 - The OCOF model was developed by Denver's Roads Home to address the needs of homeless families and seniors in the Denver area. Since then, more than 2,600 individuals have been mentored by more than 350 congregations in Denver. Of these families, more than 87% maintained stable housing after the first year.*

*August 2012 - With assistance from community leaders, the Office of Governor Hickenlooper begins replicating core components of the OCOF model in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Grand Junction.*

*March 2013 - A Statewide Clergy Council, representing a diverse group of faith communities, is formed to help expand and guide the OCOF program. The Salvation Army partners with Colorado to bring the OCOF program to four new communities.*

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