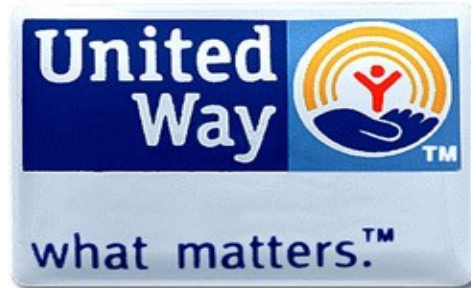


## The Brick House Mission

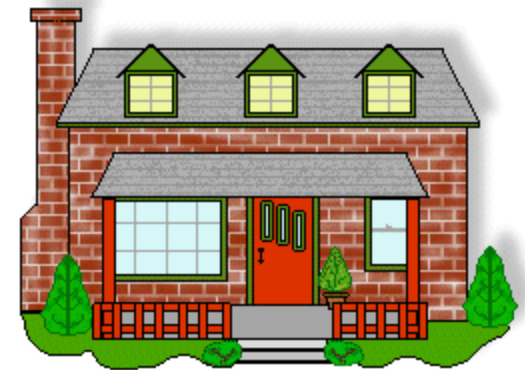
It is the mission of the Fayette County Homeless Shelter to provide quality services to families in the aftermath of financial, emotional, or violent devastation in their lives that lead them to becoming homeless and to provide them with the emotional, financial, and educational resources necessary to become productive, self-sufficient members of society.

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# *The Brick House Shelter*

The Brick House is the family and domestic violence shelter for Fayette County, Ohio. The shelter has been in operation since 1985. The shelter holds up to 16 individuals, has four oversized bedrooms upstairs, one bedroom downstairs, two family areas, a dining room, a kitchen, and a back yard with a privacy fence for the children to play. There are several services available to residents in the shelter and for up to 6 months after their exit. These include:

*Help locating essential items (food, clothing, and other personal care items)*

*Twenty four hour seven day a week emergency shelter/housing*

*Self-sufficiency planning*

Job search assistance

Job retention counseling

Budgeting

Credit counseling

Transportation

Advocacy

Assistance in locating permanent housing

Monthly classes

Nutrition

Job search and retention

Budgeting and finance

Domestic violence awareness

Parenting classes

Referrals based on family/individual needs

## **Employment services include:**

Intensive intake that will take an **inventory** of their **barriers** as well as their **assets** and will include the development of a career strategy.

Self-sufficiency plans signed by participants to identify a strategy for customers to become income secure.

Living wage budgets . . . a general budget will be created (based upon home/rental search) to determine how much they need to make to be able to pay their bills.

Living budgets . . . budgets will be done after residents move into permanent or transitional housing to reiterate **budgeting education** and include more realistic estimates of costs.

Job search – Help **identifying employment opportunities, mock interviews**, assistance in **preparing resumes**, and **job applications**. Classes will be held bi-monthly on job search education.

Job retention – **Job retention classes** will also be held bi-monthly. One on one job retention counseling will take place on a continual basis by opening a dialogue about work and overcoming barriers previously identified.

Linkage to community resources – **Linking families to community resources** for employment and training, food stamps, medical cards, emergency assistance, transportation, and child care necessary to retain employment. The program has also recruited several local businesses to come in to the shelter and interview participants as if they were applying for the job at their place of business. Participants are given feedback on their presentation and coached on how to improve their interviewing skills. This practice has even resulted in some participants gaining employment.

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