

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency

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Strengthening Family Foundations

This winter, Mr. H came to the Family Development program in crisis. Mother, father and their children were going to be homeless by the end of the day. Both mother and father had recently lost their jobs and were forced to move in with Mr. H's father. However, when the strain of too many people in a small household became too much, they were told to leave.

Mr. H met with a Family Development Advocate and was referred to Cayuga County Department of Health and Human Services for emergency shelter for the night. After securing temporary housing, the Advocate assisted the family in meeting TANF requirements, located housing, and referred the family to the Agency's Homeless Case Management program for permanent housing placement.

Mr. H and his family enrolled in the program; since then, both adults have found employment and the family is off TANF services. Mrs. H has enrolled in a college criminal justice program and all the children are connected with the appropriate educational services. The family has developed a savings plan in order to move into a larger apartment.

The Agency was able to connect this family to both temporary and long-term services to support their positive progress towards self-sufficiency.