



Mission Statement

"Building resilient students, strong families and a healthy community"

Success Story

*George was a single dad couch surfing and living on the streets with his 6 year old daughter, *Angie. He and his daughter were on the waiting list for every homeless shelter and transitional housing program in the area. Their names were moving up the shelter's long waiting lists at a snail's pace.

George and Angie slept behind a dumpster one particularly cold, fall night. This experience was the 'straw that broke the camel's back' as far as George was concerned. He came into the Marshall Family Resource Center early the next morning with his daughter. He told the MFRC staff to call Child Welfare Services to take his child away because he was going "far, far away" and would not be available to parent Angie ever again. His desire to end his life became more apparent, verbal and loud as the poignancy of the moment continued.

MFRC staff effectively engaged George and managed to talk him down. He agreed to postpone his decision while they secured support and resources for him. To make a long story short, and jump to its happy conclusion, in the next few months, through the advocacy and support of MFRC staff, George moved into a clean and sober house that allowed children, engaged in substance abuse support and counseling services, became clean of his methamphetamine addiction, and enrolled in the local community college.

MFRC staff assisted in enrolling his daughter into one of Eureka City School's elementary campuses. She happily started going to school equipped with a new backpack, school supplies, shoes and clothing supplied by the Resource Center.

Six months later, after tirelessly scouring Craig's List on the MFRC's computers, and with an MFRC referral to a community program that assists homeless families with first month's rent and security deposit, George and Angie moved into their very own two bedroom apartment.

They continue to frequent the MFRC, but now, it's usually just to say 'hi, show off Angie's latest school art project or donate clothing and shoes Angie has grown out of to other needy children and families that use the support and services of the Marshall Family Resource Center.

**not their true names*

Programs and Services

Eureka City Schools' Student and Family Support

- Emergency laundry vouchers
- Backpacks
- School supplies
- School liaisons
- School registration
- School transportation for parents
- After school study center
- Parent education
- Emergency food closet
- Hygiene supplies

Community Support

- Resource and referral services
- Internet/computer access
- Telephone and fax use
- Daily bagels and coffee
- Clothing closet
- Housing
- Mental health counseling
- Substance abuse support
- Pre-school enrollment
- Benefit connection

Eureka City School's Homeless Student's support

- 'Back to school' clothing vouchers
- Shoe vouchers
- School transportation
- Saturday morning Read-A-Loud
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Act support

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Additional supports available for students staying in motels, shelters, transitional houses, camping, couch surfing, doubled up in another family's home and on the streets.