



Strengthening Young Families is a local service network providing support for young mothers and children.

The program helps any mother 18-25 years of age who is at risk of losing her housing. She may be pregnant or have one or more children under age 5. Young mothers can receive supportive case management and child development services for up to two years.

Living on the edge of poverty and homelessness can be highly stressful for everyone in a family -- and no one should have to go through it alone. Our team can help guide young moms through a wide range of free services, helping to achieve a stable and successful future for themselves and their family.

The goal of the project is to achieve improved family and individual outcomes in the following areas:

- child well-being
- family functioning
- family preservation
- housing stability
- maternal well-being

The community-wide partnership includes staff at Valley Oasis, Healthy Homes Program of AV Hospital, Antelope Valley Partners for Health, and Mental Health America. The initiative is funded through a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and United Way, and supported by the National Center on Family Homelessness, in collaboration with the National Alliance to End Homelessness and Child Welfare League of America.

Mothers enrolled in this program can also help us to better understand how to help other families in need by participating in an ongoing research study.

To refer a family to learn more about the program call 661-609-8980. Landlords wishing to participate in the program should call 661-916-2060.

