

The Mendez Family entered our shelter program in August 2021. Mom, Dad, and two small children had moved to the area to stay with family informally (not on the lease). After several months they were asked to leave and, having no one else to turn to, reached out to Family Promise of Brevard.

In shelter, the family was referred to the Early Learning Coalition and registered for subsidized day care for their children (ages 2 and 4). They also registered with CareerSource Brevard, began looking for better employment opportunities, and established a simple budget. The family began **The Keys to Good Tenancy** program, learning about prioritizing housing needs, best practices for housing search, tenant rights and responsibilities, and practical tips for moving.

Family Promise provided a loaner laptop to assist with online enrollments, searches for child care and employment, and developing a cover letter for potential landlords. Additional needs for clothing, school supplies, personal hygiene items and groceries/meals were provided enabling them to save \$1000 during their stay.

After an extensive job search, the father was able to land his dream job at PNC bank, leading to other connections in the community to assist in locating affordable housing. With the help of his employer, this family was accepted for a subsidized rental home through a private real estate company, and they are now living in a single-family home in the Melbourne area.

