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Help For Homeless Families Is Scarce In Louisville

Volunteers of America of Kentucky was featured today in an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal as one of only two local agencies offering emergency shelter to homeless families that include children and both parents.

The article reported on the increased need for emergency housing for families – including single parent families - at a time when funding is scarce and space is limited.

The Louisville Coalition for the Homeless released a survey in June that reported the number of children in shelters in 2007 rose to 1,651 from less than 1,000 in the previous year, while the number of adults with children increased to almost 1,000 from 669.

Donna Helton Trabeau, Vice President of Program Services for Volunteers of America of Kentucky, says there have been 185 requests so far this year from families with children but only 36 could be served because of space.

Family shelters traditionally accommodate only mothers and children, but Trabeau says Volunteers of America has the only shelter in Louisville that accepts mothers and fathers with children. However, there are only 12 units.

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