

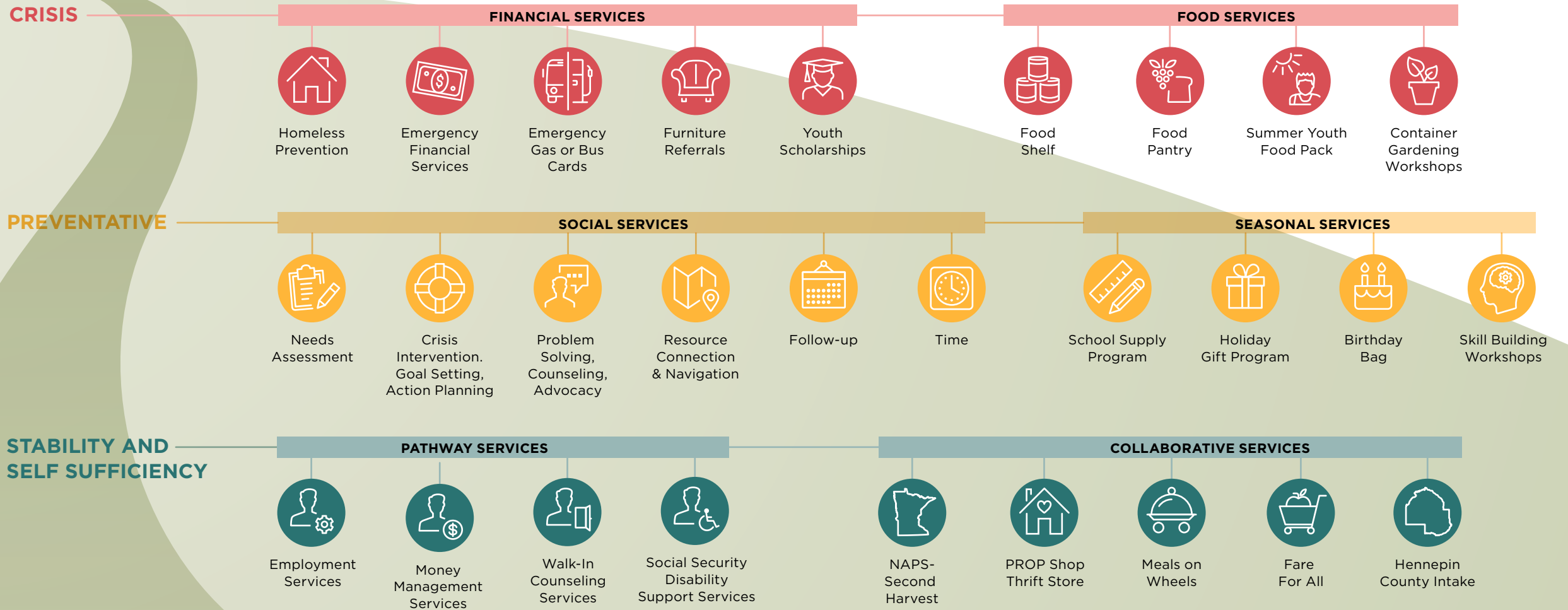


# A PATH TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**25%**  
of who we serve at PROP are new clients

**46%**  
of who we serve find out about PROP from family or friends.

**25%**  
of who we serve exit our programs at the end of each year.



## OUR PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE

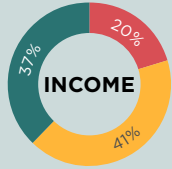
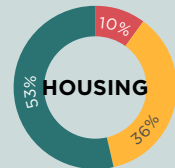
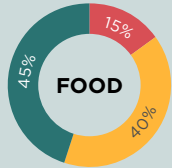
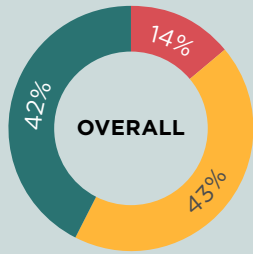
PROP is a non-profit, social service agency that offers programs and services that provide basic needs to low income individuals and families living in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen. Our services, however, do more than provide immediate needs. Those accessing our programs come at different levels of stability and crisis. PROP has an integrative and comprehensive approach to service delivery that includes individualized needs assessment and goal/action plans that are developed to become aware of and combat the “root(s)” of

the problem with all participants of our programs. PROP achieves this by meeting with all participants on their first visit and providing quarterly follow-ups thereafter. We believe that providing time to hear the whole story and building a strong, trusting relationship with our program participants is the key ingredient to successfully supporting families on their path to self-sufficiency.

# THE NEED

Over 600 PROP participants rated their risk on different self-sufficiency domain areas during initial and annual visits to the food shelf in 2013.

- In Crisis
- At Risk
- Safe



## 2013 survey of 150 current PROP participants:

- 89%** Sometimes or Often worried that food would run out
- 78%** Sometimes or Often couldn't afford to buy nutritious meals
- 44%** Cut the size or skipped meals
- 21%** Didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food

## Based on HSSC study April 2011:

- +64%** increase in number of children living in poverty in Eden Prairie since 2000
- >20%** of Eden Prairie school children (over 2,000) eligible for free or reduced lunch

# WHAT

WE PROVIDE (Jan. - Dec. 2013)

- 5,554** Food orders
- 11,892** Fresh pantry visits
- 84** homeless prevention services
- 81** Emergency gas or bus services
- 65** Emergency financial services:
  - 21** Utility payments
  - 14** Auto repairs
  - 10** Prescriptions
  - 8** Emergency hotel stays
  - 6** Childcare payments
  - 6** Furniture referrals

**17** SOAR Disability Support Case Management

**100** Pathway program participants:

- 51** Employment
- 31** Counseling
- 18** Money Mgmt.

- 1,314** Summer snack packs
- 577** Holiday youth gifts
- 54** Youth scholarships
- 111** Holiday senior gifts

- 1,022** Resource connections
- 1,762** Reviews and assessments

- 33,473** Minutes spent working with families using our Food Shelf

# OUR IMPACT

Responses from 2013 survey of 150 current Food Program participants:

## PROP MAKES SURE THAT...

- 68%** We don't go hungry
- 68%** We won't run out of food before we get money to buy more
- 57%** We have adequate size of meals each day
- 54%** We have more balanced, nutritious meals

## 2012 survey of 160 PROP Holiday Program Participants:

- 68%** PROP Holiday Program provides ALL the gifts for my child
- 54%** Without PROP, little to no gifts would be given to my child

## 2012 survey of 43 families 3 months after PROP rent help:

- 89%** Were in the same residency
- 78%** Were current on rent
- 49%** Would have been evicted and/or homeless without PROP help
- 16%** Didn't know where they would be living now without PROP help

**Nearly 50%** Of the 51 clients participating in our employment program found a job (or better paying job)

Our mission is to compassionately provide comprehensive support to our neighbors in need that creates a path toward self-sufficiency.

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# WHO

WE SERVE (Jan. - Dec. 2013)



**1,074** Households  
**3,467** Individuals

- 90%** Eden Prairie residents
- 30%** receiving employment income
- 9%** receiving unemployment income
- 14%** have no current income source
- 16%** receiving disability income
- 30%** receiving SNAP/Food Support

- 50%** Adults 18-64
- 45%** Children 0-17 (12% 0-5)
- 5%** Seniors 65+
- 81%** Families w/children (35% single parent)
- 10%** 1 or more adults w/o children
- 9%** Single person households
- 32%** Caucasian
- 24.5%** Somali | E. African
- 14.5%** Hispanic | Latino
- 6%** Multiple ethnicity
- 3.5%** Asian
- 3%** Russian
- 4%** Other