



Kristy Schofield [Skoh-feeld], formerly homeless, Director of Homeless & Housing, Dream Center (Peoria, IL)

Kristy Schofield serves as the director of homeless and housing at the Dream Center in Peoria, IL. Twenty-five years ago, Kristy was homeless and sleeping in her car with her two preschool-aged children. Kristy found herself homeless after running from a domestic violence situation. While living in her car with her children, she came across and soon moved to the Dream Center where she had the opportunity to begin a job. Through her work at the Dream Center, Kristy got back on her feet and reached self-sufficiency for her family. Today, she now works at the Dream Center and helps other families that are experiencing the challenges of homelessness find housing and stability.

Dream Center is a faith-based not-for-profit organization located in downtown Peoria. The mission is to impact families living in poverty, starting with kids and youth. They provide emergency shelter, supportive housing for women and children, case management, parenting classes, budgeting, and other services. They also have a partnership with the local workforce network and Illinois Central College to provide job opportunities for their residents.