

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Will siblings be kept together?

**A:** We try. We understand and value the relationships between siblings. Keeping siblings together depends on the availability of the host families and the preference of the parent.

**Q:** Once placed with a host family, do children ever get moved?

**A:** Occasionally. We understand the importance of stability and consistency for children. Moving children from one host family to another is only done when it is deemed necessary. Approval from the parent will be sought.

**Q:** Will school-aged children be able to stay in their current school?

**A:** We always try to maintain a child's regular schedule.

**Q:** Do all host families and parents stay in relationship after return home?

**A:** Sometimes. It varies from family to family.

**Q:** Can a parent use Safe Families again?

**A:** Yes, as many times as needed and depending on the current situation. The parent can call directly.



## Refer a Family in Need

If you know of someone who would benefit from Safe Families we are eager to help.

Please see contact information below.



Surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community



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# We help families in crisis get back on their feet and keep their families intact.

## Families Helping Families

When a crisis strikes, many of us rely on relatives and friends for support. But for some parents, this is not an option. Safe Families seeks to come alongside parents in crisis to help them get on their feet by providing short-term care for their children for as short as a couple of days to several months.

## How does Safe Families work?

Safe Families surrounds families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. Our family of volunteers, from local churches, provides a loving, temporary home for children while their parents deal with their crisis. We care for their children for as long as they need. We work quickly to connect children with a volunteer family.

Our goal is to keep children safe and families intact. Once a parent's life has stabilized, we work with parents to reunite their family as soon as possible.



## A Network of Support

In addition to Host Families, families in need are connected with a Family Coach and Family Friends. A Family Coach comes alongside families in crisis to help them make the necessary changes to bring stability to their family's life. They can provide guidance in many ways like help someone find work or secure an apartment. Family Friends can provide encouragement and perform small tasks such as babysitting or transportation.

## How to explain Safe Families to a parent in crisis.

Safe Families is **NOT** a foster care or adoption service.

Parents maintain full custody of their children and can request their return at any time.

Parents have regular visits and contact with their children.

Volunteer families are extensively screened with a background check, home screening, and references.

Volunteers receive no compensation and serve out of their belief of helping others.

Children ages 0 - 18 can be hosted.

Children can be hosted for as short as a couple of days to several months.

Every attempt will be made to maintain the child's daily schedule.

Safe Families is committed to reuniting parents and children as soon as possible.

