Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Will siblings be kept together?
A: Not always. It depends on the availability of host families and the preference of the parent.

Q: Once placed with a host family, do children ever get moved?
A: Yes, occasionally. If a host family cannot continue to care for a child, another family will be located. 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.

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Do You Know a Parent in Crisis?

We want to help.

Safe Families for Children
Surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community

Safe-Families.org/Get-Help
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 get on their feet by providing short-term care for their children for as little 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 provide a loving, temporary home for children while their parents deal with their crises. We care for their children for as long as they need. We work quickly to connect children with a volunteer family. Often, we've been able to find a home the same day we receive a call.

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 helping 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 for Children 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, including parenting teens.
- 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.