



Safe Families
for Children

HOST FAMILY

FACT SHEET



THE FOUNDATION of the Safe Families for Children movement is hosting children and providing parents with extended-family-like support — the feature that sets us apart from other efforts that support vulnerable children and families. At the heart of our mission is radical hospitality: by opening our hearts and homes, we have a unique opportunity to embody the spirit of Christ with a servant's posture.

Safe Families operates as a volunteer network, offering parents a safety net for parents by offering caring families to host their children in times of crisis. As a voluntary, non-coercive option, we serve as an alternative to the state child welfare system.

By temporarily hosting children, Safe Families gives parents the time and space to address personal challenges. Our goal is family preservation — sparing children the trauma of forced removal and the need for foster care. **99% of children hosted through Safe Families are reunited with their parents, compared to 42% of children in the foster care system.**



Safe Families gives us the opportunity to serve as an entire family by opening our home to kids and families in need. It's an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and help teach our kids what it means to serve and think of others. We love the heart of Safe Families and getting to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of the families we meet.

THE CHANDLER FAMILY



How it works

Host Families can decide when they are available and the age/gender they can host. Once fully approved they open their homes to care for children without monetary compensation. Parents retain full custody while their children are in hosting. Within the Circle of Support, Host Families are supported through resources and encouragement so they can dedicate their full attention to the care and safety of the child(ren) they are hosting.

Hosting can range from one day to several months. The average length of stay is about 30 days. Every effort is made to determine the expected duration of a hosting during intake but hosting requires flexibility as the family coach comes alongside the parent in their goals. Host Families share their availability and can decide if each ask is a good fit for their family.

Requirements

- Over the age of 23; stable, mature, and law-abiding
- Free from illegal drug use and substance abuse
- Refrain from potentially damaging profanity/behavior
- Home in satisfactory condition to keep children safe
- Serves under the support of a Safe Families Church
- Open to receive feedback from a SF Family Coach



SCAN TO APPLY TODAY!

Approval Process

- STEP 1** FILL OUT AN APPLICATION (includes 3 references)
- STEP 2** BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ANYONE OVER 18
- STEP 3** TRAINING
- STEP 4** INTERVIEW & HOME SCREENING

