

No one to call? Overwhelmed?  
Experiencing a crisis?  
Struggling to meet the needs  
of your family?



Safe Families  
for Children



## Surrounding families in crisis with caring, compassionate community

### Families Helping Families

*Keeping children safe and families intact*

When a crisis strikes, many of us rely on relatives and friends for support. If this is not an option for you, Safe Families seeks to help you get on your feet or bridge a gap in services by providing short-term care for your children or informal supports for just a few days or up to several months.

#### How does Safe Families work? 2 Ways:

**1. Hosting Partnership** | Our family of volunteers can provide a loving, temporary home for your children while you deal with your crises. We act like extended family and care for your children, keeping your kids safe and your family intact until you are back on your feet. Once you feel like your situation is stable and healthy, we'll work with you to reunite your family as soon as possible.

**2. Family Friend Partnership** | Our family of volunteers can offer informal supports to your family without hosting your children overnight.

#### A Network of Support

In both types of partnerships, families in need are paired with a Family Coach and Family Friends - all rooted in a Safe Families church. A Family Coach will come alongside you, providing guidance and referrals to community resources as well as coordinating volunteer support. Family Friends can provide encouragement and perform small tasks such as transportation or mentoring in areas such as parenting or budgeting.

### Is a hosting partnership a good fit for you?

- Safe Families is NOT a foster care or adoption service. This is a voluntary partnership aimed at family preservation.
- You maintain full custody and can request your children's return at any time. You will have regular visits and contact with your children.
- Volunteer families are extensively screened with FBI and State background checks, a home screening, and references.
- Volunteers are rooted in partner churches, receive no compensation, and desire to help your family.
- Children can be hosted for just a few days or up to several months. Hosting is temporary. We are committed to reuniting parents and children as soon as possible.
- We cannot host children when: the child has severe behavior or health problems; the child needs substance abuse rehabilitation; we are unable to obtain consent from one or both parents who have legal custody; or there is evidence of current abuse.

### For more information:

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