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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW...

- Safe Families is NOT a foster care or adoption service.
- You maintain full custody of your children and can request their return at any time.
- You will have regular visits and contact with your children.
- Volunteer families are screened extensively with a background check, home study, and references.
- Children ages 0-18 can be hosted, including teen parents.
- Children can be hosted for as short as a couple of days to several months.
- Every attempt will be made to maintain your child's daily schedule.

We are committed to reuniting parents and children as soon as possible.

QUALIFY:

- Children require temporary care while the parent addresses issues that led to instability.
- Children are between the ages of 0-18. Some Host Families will take young adults and their children.
- The parent is willing to agree to the Safe Family requirements, including participation in services to address their instability. (e.g. *substance abuse, counseling*)
- Parent signs consent for placement.
- A Host Family is available to receive the children.
- The children do not have significant health or behavioral problems.

DO NOT QUALIFY:

- A child's behavior is severe enough that he/she cannot be safely managed in a family-like setting.
- A youth with active suicidal or homicidal behavior or other significant mental health issues that is not responding to medication.
- A youth with a history of sexual aggression.
- Active gang involvement.
- A youth with a fire setting history, violent behavior, hurting animals or activities that involved a weapon.
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