

“The problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small.”

~ MOTHER TERESA



About us

A movement of families supporting children and parents in their community

Safe Families for Children was started over twenty years ago in Chicago and has spread throughout the US. Safe Families is actively running in 15 counties in Oregon!

Locally, our Safe Families Chapter is a program of Hearts With A Mission; with chapters in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lincoln, Douglas, and Coos counties.

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Safe Families for Children

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES



Children *SAFE*
Families *TOGETHER*

Safe Families for Children provides informal, family-like support for parents and their children when they are facing difficult and challenging situations. We believe when families are supported children can thrive.



Who Do We Support?

We build social support systems around families with minor children experiencing:

- Homelessness
- Social isolation
- Loss of employment
- Mental health/postpartum crisis
- Hospitalization/medical emergency
- Addiction/recovery
- Domestic Violence

Parents always maintain full custody when using hosting and the program is completely free and voluntary.

All volunteers are extensively screened with background checks, training, references, and home screenings.

Our program is volunteer driven and professionally supported, all families have access to our Youth & Family Case Manager.

Our Circle of Support Model

Host Families are trained and approved to support parents by providing short-term day or overnight care for children in their homes.

Family Friends provide friendship and support to parents, children, or other volunteers through building relationships, encouragement, transportation, meals, and baby sitting, etc.

Parent or Youth Mentors help parents or youth identify and reach their goals through meaningful relationship by offering support and connection.

Resource Friends give tangible items such as gift cards, meals, diapers, etc.

How Does it Work?

Safe Families trains volunteers within the local community to build support networks. We connect these volunteers with families in crisis. Our goal is to see families strengthened and supported by their community. With a community of support, we believe child abuse and neglect can often be prevented, and families remain intact.

