

- **Are hosting arrangements voluntary?** Yes, Hosting arrangements are voluntary for both the placing family and the hosting family. Hosting families are not compensated and placing families DO NOT lose custody of their children. A short term Power of Attorney is signed to our host family to allow them to temporarily care for your children, this has a start date and an end date and can be terminated at any time.
- **What is the approval Process for a Host Family?** Host Families attend a training, they are Vetted- Home Study, references and background check.
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- **Can host families take children with medical complexities?** Yes, but it depends on the severity of the medical problems and the availability of families.
- **Who will be my main contact?** A family coach assigned to your family will be your main contact.
- **Will siblings be kept together?** Not always. We always attempt to keep siblings together but it depends on the availability of host families.
- **Can Parents visit their children?** Yes, parents can visit their children weekly. They can also maintain daily contact via phone as well.
- **Can Better Families respond immediately to a crisis?** Yes. Please let us know if a child needs to be picked up immediately.
- **Once placed with a host family, do children ever get moved?** Yes, occasionally. If a host family cannot continue to care for a child, another family will be located. Approval from a placing parent will be sought.
- **Will school aged children be able to stay in their current school?** Not always. Of course, we always try to find the closest available family. If out of region, many schools offer transportation to keep the children in the current school as children are considered homeless. If that is not available, the child will attend the local school of the host family.
- **What happens if the parent requests their children back?** Placement is voluntary, so parents can request for their children to return home at any time. We request a 24/48 hour notice to ensure a smooth transition.
- **Do all host families and parents stay in relationship after return home?** This occurs in many situations but depends on whether the parent wants to. We encourage our host families to be in relationship with their placing parents.
- **Can a parent reuse Better Families?** Yes, as many times as needed as long as it's not being abused. The parent can call the host family directly. Host families will then notify us if they are willing to host again.
- **If a child needed to return to Better Families, will they go to the same host home?** Yes, if the host family is open to that. If not, another family will be located.
- **If a relative becomes available, can the child be moved to the relative?** Yes, if that is what the parent wants.