

Circles of Support

LISTEN. LOVE. PRAY. CONNECT.

Surrounding Families with Caring, Compassionate Community



Circles of Support (COS): A framework that allows individuals to say yes to vulnerable children by forming a caring, compassionate community of support around a family in isolation.

What's my role? How Can I Say Yes?		
Host Family	A household willing to welcome children into their home while Bio Family adults address their temporary crisis.	<p>Step 1: Become Vetted</p> <p>WELCOME VULNERABLE KIDS INTO YOUR HOME</p> <p><i>Not ready to commit to being a Host Family? Support current hosts by being a Respite Host Family.</i></p>
Bio Family	A family living in isolation who needs the help of a compassionate community.	CHOOSE COMMUNITY
Bio Family Family Coach	An individual who develops relationship with adult(s) in the Bio Family to help bring stability to their family's life-- listen, facilitate personal goal setting, help find resources, just be there. Must check in with Host Family within 48 hours of placement. Is the liaison between Host Family and Bio Family.	<p>Step 1: Become Vetted</p> <p>DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH AN ADULT IN ISOLATION</p>
Host Family Family Coach	An individual who ensures the needs of the Host Family are being met during an active hosting, oversees the functioning, logistics, and communication of the COS and keeps the COS connected when not actively hosting.	<p>Step 1: Become Vetted</p> <p>SUPPORT HOST FAMILY KEEP COS CONNECTED</p> <p><i>The Host Family Family Coach might also fulfill another role such as Bio Family Coach or Ministry Lead</i></p>
Family Friend	An individual who provides practical support to the Host Family and/or the Bio Family.	<p>Step 1: Become Vetted</p> <p>DO LAUNDRY PROVIDE A MEAL BECOME A MENTOR GIVE A RIDE JUST SHOW UP</p>
Resource Friend	An individual who provides tangible goods and services to the Bio Family and/or the Host Family.	DONATE FUNDING PROVIDE GOODS & SERVICES
Prayer Team (sign up as a Family Friend and choose prayer)	Individuals willing to seek the Trinity to hear what God expects for each member of the COS and are willing to provide an intentional, consistent, prayer covering over the Safe Families movement.	DEVELOP A PRAYER COVERING PRAY FOR A SPECIFIC CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Ministry Lead	An individual who champions Safe Families in their church by recruiting new volunteers and provides support to those volunteers as they join a Circle of Support in their church. Connects with professional staff support as needed.	<u>Step 1: Become Vetted</u> RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS LOCAL CHURCH LEAD
Community Lead	An individual who champions Safe Families within their local community, recruits new volunteers, connects local Ministry Leads, and facilitates community-wide Safe Families team meetings.	<u>Step 1: Become Vetted</u> CONNECT LOCAL CHURCHES CONNECT VOLUNTEERS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL
Family Coach Supervisor	An employee at Lutheran Community Services who trains volunteers, works with the Ministry Lead to place Bio Families with Host Families, stays in close contact with and supports Family Coaches, and provides additional support when needed.	<u>Step 1: Become Vetted</u> WORK FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
Church Engagement Specialist	An employee at Lutheran Community Services who vets and onboards volunteers and churches to the Safe Families movement. Supports Circles of Support when needed and contacts volunteers to fill needs when there is no Ministry Lead involved.	<u>Step 1: Become Vetted</u> WORK FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

I WANT TO JOIN THE SAFE FAMILIES MOVEMENT

- Sign up at safe-families.org Be sure to choose “Yamhill County” for select your region.
 - Lutheran Community Services will receive your application and walk you through the vetting & training process.
 - You will be connected to your church’s Ministry Lead.
 - *If your church does not have a ministry lead you will be connected to a Ministry Lead from another church.*
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Questions?

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