



Project Keepsafe

Project Keepsafe provides single parents in need of treatment for drug and/or alcohol addiction, mental illness, and/or physical illness the opportunity to voluntarily place their children in residential care at the Home of the Innocents. This enables the parent to receive the treatment they desperately need to save their family while alleviating the parent's concerns for the safety and well-being of their children.

Children in Project Keepsafe receive safe, loving, therapeutic care, counseling, medical attention, and have liberal visitation with their family and parents.

Appropriate childcare is a major obstacle for single parents seeking treatment. There often are not appropriate extended family members available to assist with childcare, and it is not a service that homeless shelter agencies can offer.

In addition to shelter, services for children include meals, clothing, toys, medical and dental care, recreational activities and an extensive backyard play area. Each child receives a thorough assessment and age appropriate counseling, utilizing individual and/or group sessions and art therapy, to help them understand what is occurring in their family and to be part of the recovery process. If the child or children are of school age, arrangements are made for them to remain in their own school, eliminating an additional, unnecessary disruption.

A great indicator of Project Keepsafe's success is that in its eight year history, 93% of the families served were safely reunited without a change in custody. Project Keepsafe has helped a total of 205 children from 114 families since it began. In the 2009-10 fiscal year, 39 children from 19 families were served. There was a staggering 38% increase in days of care provided over the previous year, and the length of stay increased by 80% from 10 days to 18 days. 95% of the children cared for were ages 12 or under.

For more information or to enroll in Project Keepsafe, please contact the Referral/Intake Coordinator at 502.596.1221.