

Our Ministry

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes is a faith-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing Christ-centered services to children and families in need. The Children's Homes is an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention and is governed by a 24-member board of trustees.

The Children's Homes has been serving abused, neglected, and orphaned children since 1904. We have three major service areas; campus ministries, community ministries, and international childcare missions.



Pictured above, a resident rides one of the horses provided at the Children's Homes' Jacksonville campus.

Campus Ministries

- Residential Care
- Emergency Shelter Care

Community Ministries

- Foster Care
- Adoption Services
- Safe Families
- Sanctity of Human Life Program

Adult Developmental Services

- Residential Care
- Adult Day Training

International Childcare Program

Our Ministry Locations

State Office
P.O. Box 8190
Lakeland, FL 33802
(863) 687-8811

Bradenton
1305 43rd St. West
Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 748-6926

Broward County
1030 N.E. 2nd Ave.
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304
(954) 463-3163

Clearwater
Calvary Baptist Church
110 N. McMullen Booth Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33759
(727) 441-1581 ext.175

Fort Myers
4551 Camino Real Way
Fort Myers, FL 33912
(239) 275-7151

Gainesville
690 N.E. 23rd Ave., Ste. C
Gainesville, FL 32609
(352) 377-2517

Jacksonville
2300 Bartram Road
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 721-2711

Lakeland
1015 Sikes Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33815
(863) 688-4981

Miami
7748 S.W. 95th Terrace
Miami, FL 33156
(305) 271-4121

Milton
6797 Caroline Street
Milton, FL 32570
(850) 626-8333

New Smyrna Beach
824 Ingham Road
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
(386) 785-4731

Orlando
3125 Bruton Blvd., Ste. B
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 514-4425

Panama City
2611 Hwy. 231
Panama City, FL 32405
(850) 281-4446

Pensacola
1000 Chemstrand Road
Cantonment, FL 32533
(850) 968-1114

Tallahassee
8415 Buck Lake Road
Tallahassee, FL 32317
(850) 878-1458

Safe Families Locations

Jacksonville
First Baptist Church of Jacksonville
124 W. Ashley St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 356-6077

Miami
Christ Fellowship Church
8900 S.W. 168th St.
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
(786) 897-6170

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Safe Families for Children

Safe Families



What is the Safe Families program?

Safe Families is a network of volunteer Christian families who will take in children from parents that may be temporarily unable to properly care for their children for a variety of reasons such as hospitalization, homelessness, drug abuse, or when a parent is remanded to a correctional institution for a period of time.



Parents place their children voluntarily and temporarily with a Safe Family so they can have the time needed to address crisis issues without fear of losing custody. As a result many Safe Families become the extended family to a parent that is experiencing a crisis and needs help.

How long do the children stay?

The children range in age from newborn infants to age 18 and may need care for just a night or two or up to a year or more depending on the circumstances. However, the average length of stay is around 45 days.

How is Safe Families different from foster care?

The Safe Families program is different from foster care in that it does not require involvement with the Florida Department of Children and Families (the state child welfare department). The parents suffering from a crisis situation voluntarily place their children with a Safe Families home and continue to maintain custody of them.

Why was the Safe Families program created?

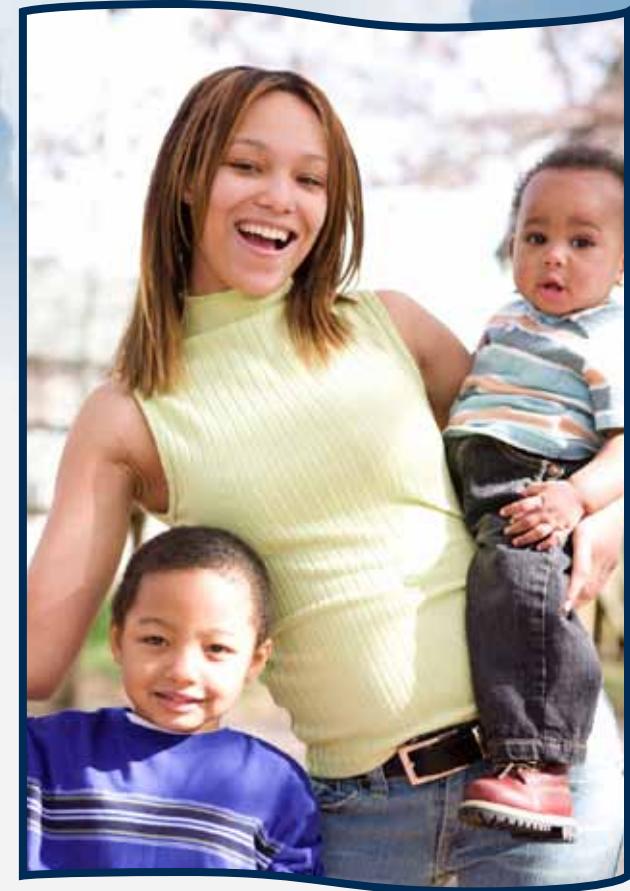
In the past, extended families were able to support parents experiencing a crisis by stepping in and helping to care for the children. However, these days many families are socially isolated and are far removed from a network of extended family.

Safe Families needs your help.

The Safe Families program is an opportunity for Christian volunteer families to show the love of Christ to children and families in need. The program is a partnership between local churches and the Florida Baptist Children's Homes.

Contact us for more information.

For more information about Safe Families please visit the Children's Homes website at www.FBCHomes.org.



I went through some tough times and didn't know how I was going to care for my children, but a Safe Family was there to care for them when I couldn't. The Safe Family became the extended family that I didn't have.