



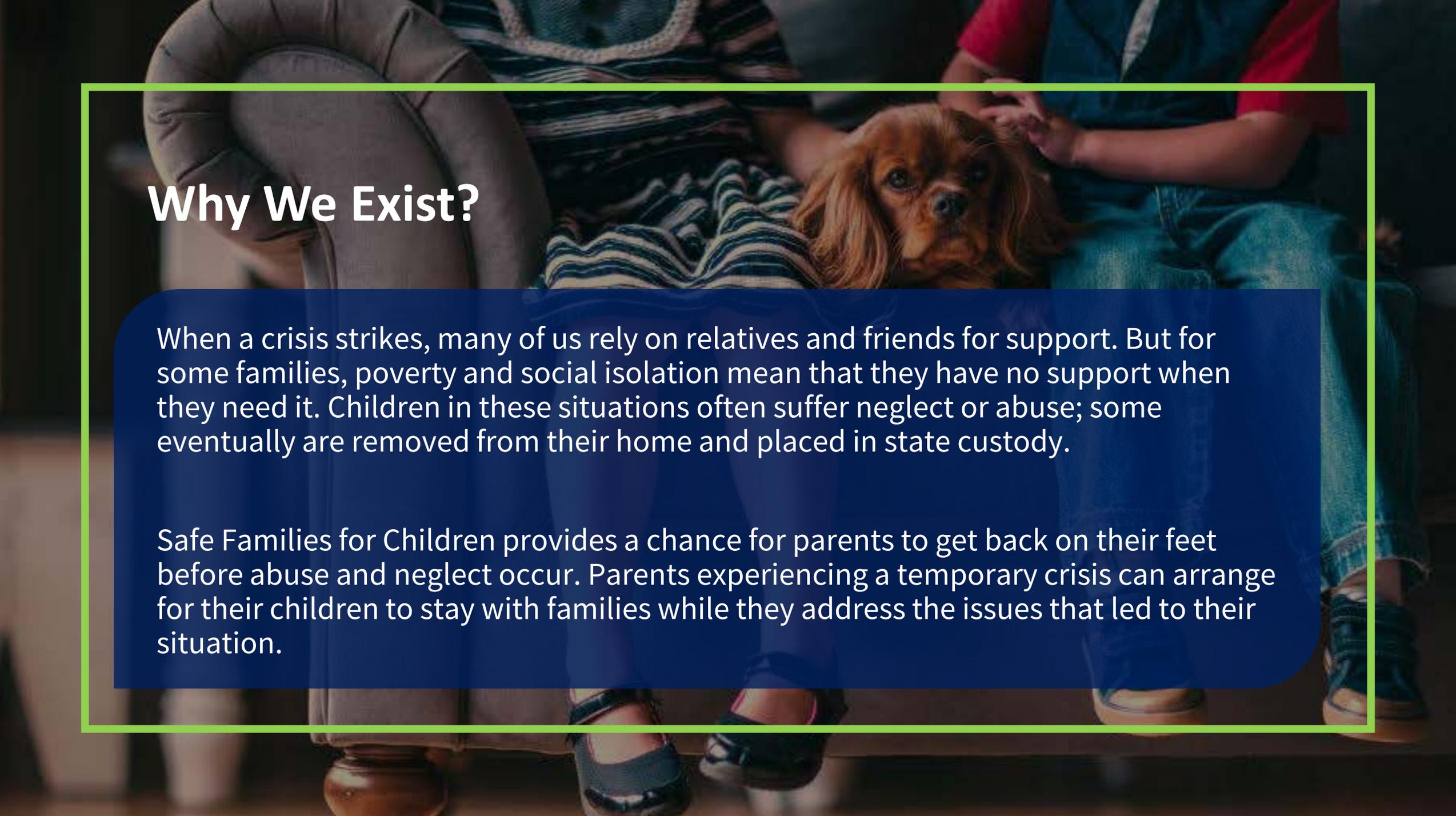
## Safe Families *for Children*

*Surrounding families in crisis with  
caring, compassionate community*



Safe Families  
*for Children*

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A photograph of a woman sitting on a couch with a dog, overlaid with a blue text box. The woman is wearing a striped dress and is petting a brown dog. The dog is looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and furniture.

## Why We Exist?

When a crisis strikes, many of us rely on relatives and friends for support. But for some families, poverty and social isolation mean that they have no support when they need it. Children in these situations often suffer neglect or abuse; some eventually are removed from their home and placed in state custody.

Safe Families for Children provides a chance for parents to get back on their feet before abuse and neglect occur. Parents experiencing a temporary crisis can arrange for their children to stay with families while they address the issues that led to their situation.

## **Our Objectives**

Child Welfare Deflection

Child Abuse Prevention

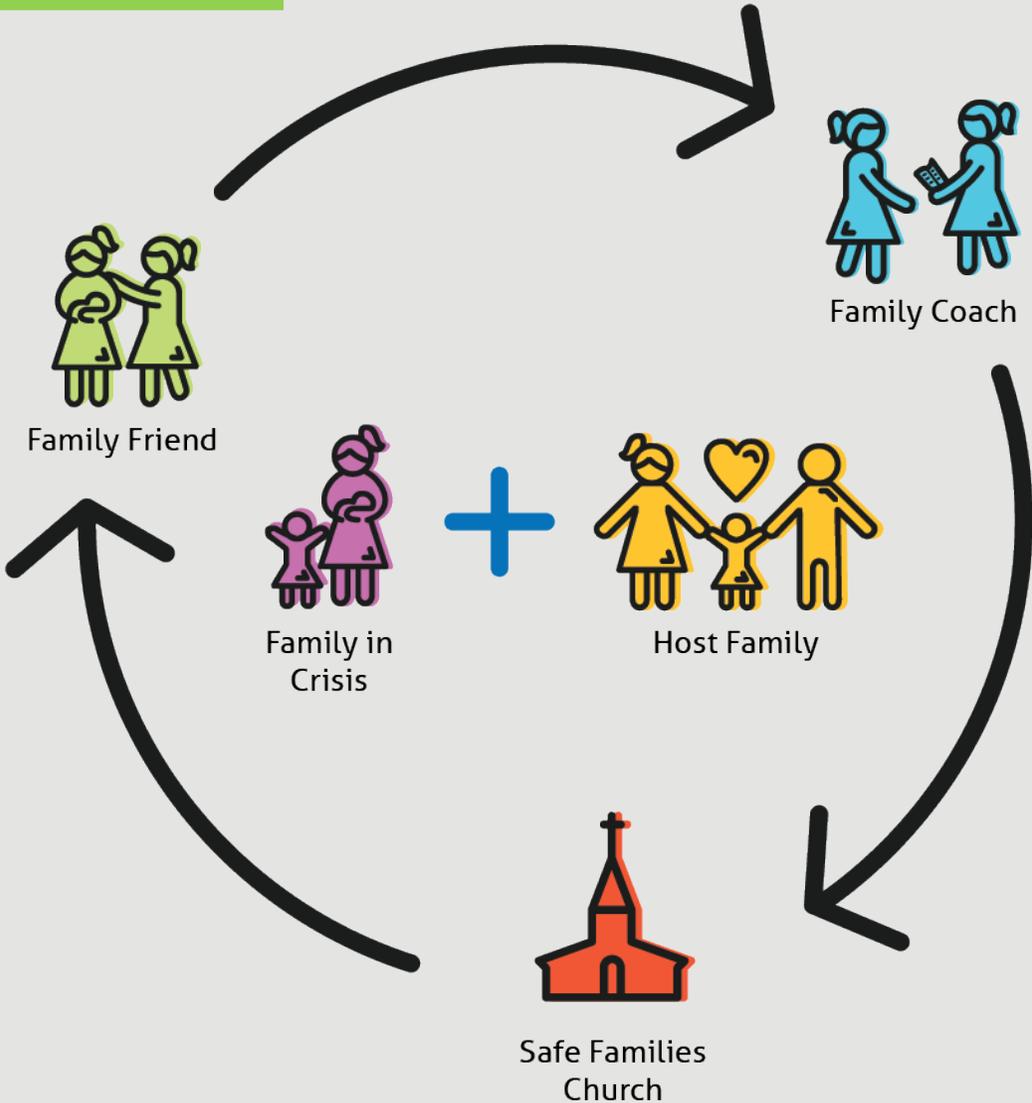
Family Support and Stabilization

**97 percent of children return  
home to a parent or relative**



# How Safe Families for Children Works?

*A Circle of Support!*



# **Our Goal is to Love Kids While Redeeming Parents**

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**How does Safe Families do this?**

We do this by providing Hope, Safety, and Security

**Parent's biggest problem:** Social Isolation  
**Church's biggest resource:** Community

## Who do we Serve?

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- Families affected by:
  - Unemployment
  - Homelessness
  - Substance abuse
  - Mental illness
  - Domestic violence
  - Medical crises
- Young moms
- Families in need of extended-family support
- Youth in transition

**Since 2003, Safe Families for Children has facilitated over 35,000 hostings**



# Eligibility

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- Parent is willing to actively work towards changing situation
- Parent who has legal custody must consent
- Children must be 0-17-years-old





## Host Family

Host Families care for children in their home and have the opportunity to build a trusting relationship with the entire family during a hosting.

Host Families are:

- Volunteers
- Vetted and trained
- Safety nets

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*About 70% of children we serve are less than 6 years old*

# Family Coach

Family Coaches routinely check-in with parents and help them work on their goals. They also support Host Families by monitoring children's safety through Home Check Visits.

Family Coaches are:

- Volunteers
- Vetted and trained
- Support to parents
- Security monitors



## Things to Note...

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- Safe Families for Children is **NOT** foster care
- Involvement is **voluntary**
- Assistance is **temporary**
- Parents do not lose **custody**
- The goal is **child abuse & neglect prevention**
- We are **volunteer-driven, professionally supported**



# Thank You!



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