

Open your heart and your home to a child.

Children need and thrive in loving and supportive family environments. The **Milestone Host Home Program** matches caring adults with children ages 3-17 experiencing behavioral health challenges and who need emotional and behavioral support, along with temporary out-of-home placement. Children live in a therapeutic home environment where they learn, together with their natural family, how to develop better communication and coping skills before they return home.



Host Home families receive ongoing training on the most common behavioral and mental health diagnoses and are taught the most therapeutic interventions. After the placement of a child, a treatment plan is created based upon the recommended goals of a psychological evaluation. All children must also be involved in mental health treatment, usually wraparound or outpatient, while placed in a host home.

*“If you make a difference
in one child’s life,
you’d be greatly blessed.”*

- Martin
Host Home parent
to three children

- ✦ Average length of stay in host homes is six to 24 months. Milestone also provides respite care.
- ✦ Milestone strives for reunification with the child’s family, whenever possible.
- ✦ All Milestone Host Home parents must pass a criminal background check, child background check, and FBI clearance.

Weekly in-person meetings take place to monitor the child’s progress and make adjustments to treatment plans as needed. The Host Home Clinician also meets regularly with the child and representatives of all other agencies involved. Natural and host parents are included in these meetings.

When discharge nears, the Host Home Clinician will make a referral to an appropriate in-home service that will support the child and his or her family in a successful transition.

Did you know?

- ✦ Milestone staff and clients are trained in the Sanctuary® Model – a guide for creating and maintaining a safe, democratic environment where healing occurs. Sanctuary focuses on healing from trauma, such as loss, stress or adversity, and provides a welcoming environment for our clients, their families and our staff.

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