



Foster Care Ministry

Admission Pre-Application

Please complete the following as completely as possible. This preliminary application will allow us to make an initial determination of the ability of Potter Children's Home to meet your child's needs. If we feel that this would be an appropriate placement and an opening occurs, you will be contacted and you will be able to complete the full application. If you have any questions please contact the office at (270) 843-3038 and ask to speak to the Foster Care Case Manager or the Minister of Family Services.

Child's Name: _____ Gender: Male/Female Age: _____

Person filling out application: _____ Relationship to child: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

What is the child's current living situation?

Please describe any previous out-of-home placements.

Please list former and current psychological/psychiatric treatment your child has received, including the circumstances that led to this treatment and any psychiatric diagnosis your child has had.

Indicate your child's behaviors that have led you to consider an out of home placement. Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of parental control | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Behaviors | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic difficulties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault/Abuse/Rape (by child) | <input type="checkbox"/> School behavior problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Expelled or suspended | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression/Bipolar/Other mental health disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme anger | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal thoughts or attempts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encopresis (soiling) or bed wetting | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor peer relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lying | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Alcohol use | <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-destructive behaviors | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty to Animals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire setting | |

Use the space below to explain any checked items above. Please indicate the length of time these problems have existed as well as any environmental factors that may have contributed to them.

Please indicate any stressful events or circumstances experienced by your child:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Divorce/Separation | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim of physical abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple placements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family conflict | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim of sexual assault/rape | <input type="checkbox"/> School Bullying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Family substance abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious Accident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victim of neglect (physical or emotional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Separation from family | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Difficulty |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of a family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Use the space below to explain any checked items above:

Please briefly share successes and/or problems your child has had in the following areas:

-Family

-Social/Behavioral

-School

-Physical disabilities/limitations

Please use the space below to describe any additional factors that will be helpful, such as legal history, substance abuse, or violent behavior toward others.



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General Guidelines

As you consider placement of your child at Potter Children's Home, we hope that the following information will be helpful to you. Of course, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Foster Care Case Manager or the Minister of Family Services at 270-843-3038.

Mission:

The Mission of Potter Children's Home is to be used as a tool in the hands of supporting churches of Christ and individual Christians to deliver God's justice and mercy to children and families in need.

Philosophy:

Faith based services are integrated with professional counseling in a family environment to provide care for children in need of our services.

Who we serve:

- Potter Children's Home typically serves children ages 12-18 who are in need of out-of-home care, but we are able to consider children as young as 6.
- We have the ability to house up to 12 children, six boys and six girls.
- Our services are best suited for children who are struggling with behavior problems, academics, and family conflicts. We are well qualified to treat children with mild depression, anxiety, ADHD or mild forms of bipolar disorders.

What we do:

- First and foremost, we offer high quality, loving, Christian-focused foster care in two on-campus houses. These foster families are an integral part of the child care team, including the foster care counselor and the Minister of Family Services.
- We offer opportunity for spiritual growth. Each of our foster families attend local Churches of Christ and are involved in their youth ministry, including Bible classes, devotionals, summer camps, and weekend retreats. Spiritual opportunities are offered and attendance is required, but residents are not forced to accept a particular set of teachings. Submission of this application is indication of acceptance of this policy.
- We provide individual, group and family counseling services and coordinate services with a community-based child psychiatrist for those residents who require psychiatric care.
- We provide educational support. Residents attend local public schools, and the staff is in contact with school personnel to monitor and support them in attaining a good education. Study time is provided, and tutors can be provided as needed.

What we expect from you:

- There is no cost for our services. All of the costs of placement are provided by generous donations by individuals and supporting Churches of Christ.
- We do expect your support and participation. We have quarterly meetings to review goals, and we require regular participation in family therapy. We encourage regular contact through phone calls, letters, and monthly visits.