

Our Purpose

Single Parent Alliance for Raising Kids (SPARK) provides single parent families an opportunity to achieve wholeness and stability through a combination of education, counseling, life coaching and mentoring, all in a spiritual environment. The ultimate goal is that families become healthier in all areas of development, economically self-supporting, and more spiritually focused. We seek to accomplish this goal by guiding families to **EMBRACE STABILITY, EXPERIENCE GROWTH, and ENJOY INDEPENDENCE.**



Reflections of past residents

"By doing their part as roles of support and encouragement I was given the abilities to help my children not only plant their seeds of faith and water them, but also my own and become the mother I want to be. I have great memories and opportunities I would have never been able to do."

"Potter staff helped me manage finances and pay off my old debts and gave me knowledge and tools to be able to pay off my new student loans, while still saving a little. I have never had a savings account until now, thanks to Potter! I have now graduated with Honors, taken a position in my field and already gotten a promotion that included a raise. Thank you to everyone at Potter Children's Home from the bottom of my family's heart!"

"While I've been at Potter I've been able to grow in my relationship with Christ and grow in my relationship with my children! What you do is such a blessing! In this program I've been able to totally change my life and I'm forever grateful for giving me this opportunity. God is so good and you show His love!"

Contact us for ways to be involved or to learn more about our ministries!



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The Mission of Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries 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.



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SINGLE PARENT ALLIANCE FOR RAISING KIDS

A ministry of
Potter Children's Home



GUIDING FAMILIES TO

Embrace Stability

In this entry phase of our program the goal is to become oriented to the program, develop trusting relationships with the staff and assess needs and goals required for success. We work with the resident to set and review goals once a month and provide guidance with areas that appear to be difficult. It is anticipated that this phase will last for approximately 3 months.

Experience Growth

The primary goal of this phase is to gain skills, knowledge and confidence as the resident begins to work toward her goals.

Educationally The resident is encouraged to improve herself educationally to provide opportunities for the future. This may include starting or finishing a degree, acquiring a trade, or seeking job training in areas of interest.

Financially While the resident is temporarily relieved of financial burdens of rent and utilities, she is expected to learn healthy spending and budgeting habits. While in the program each resident is expected to save at least 30% of their income to pay off debts and/or save for the future.

Relationally One of the very important aspects of our program is to assist the resident in growing in her relationships. This may include a focus on parenting, conflict-resolution, self-esteem and other topics.

Emotionally Each resident is connected with a Christian-based therapist to provide support and assist her in whatever areas are most helpful. Family therapy is available when needed to further assist the resident in this area.

During this phase the staff meets with the resident regularly to review and modify goals and identify progress being made. The length of time in this phase varies depending on the resident's goals and needs.



Enjoy Independence

As the resident makes progress toward completion of her goals, she begins to work toward becoming independent. This resident is typically finished with her education and working in her chosen field. She is living by a budget and saving money for the future. She deals with her relationships successfully and is more emotionally healthy. The length of this phase varies as well depending on the resident's goals but should not last more than a year. At the completion of this phase the resident graduates from the program and successfully transitions to her own home.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Psalm 147:3

We provide

While a family is in our program, we provide the following services at no cost:

- Apartment
- Furnishings as needed
- Utilities
- Access to a food pantry
- Assistance with transportation
- Case Management
- Assistance with childcare
- Life Skills Education
- Counseling

Guidelines/Expectations

- Partner with staff to identify and work toward goals
- Make progress toward living independently by enrolling in job training, furthering her education, or working
- Save 30% of income to pay down debts or increase savings
- Participate in counseling, whether individual or family
- Attend weekly educational group sessions
- Attend Church services at a local church of Christ
- Maintain confidentiality
- Maintain a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free environment
- Refrain from dating while in the program

