



Dear Parent,

Thank you for choosing Homes of Compassion to assist with your family's current needs. Homes of Compassion (HoC) is a not-for-profit ministry of BCH, Inc., whose calling is to fulfill the biblical instruction to help those in need. Our staff consists of professionals and volunteers who have a desire to provide loving care for children as well as to walk beside the parent(s) with the hope of a positive outcome for the family.

Here is some information about Homes of Compassion that we would like you to know:

- Care Families are Christian volunteers who invite your child(ren) in to join their families temporarily. They have completed HoC training, Home Assessment, and undergone extensive local, state, and federal background checks.
- We serve ages newborn through age 18
- Care timeframes range from 2 days even up to six months. We will work with you on a plan for care.
- HoC is not foster care, nor is it a path to adoption. You will not lose custody of your child when your place him/her into one of our Care Families.
- In HoC we care for children whose families are facing challenging circumstances. HoC is available to help children when families are faced with upcoming evictions, homelessness, addiction/rehabilitation/ job loss, mental/emotional health challenges, incarceration, and other similar situations.
- The intake documents you have been provided either on paper or online need to be completed so we know how to best assist your family.

Other Important Information:

- Parents can request to have their child(ren) returned to them at any time. All children are returned to their custodial parent unless other arrangement have been made. Note: if you have an open Department of Social Services case, we will need to work in coordination with your caseworker at intake and at discharge.
- We encourage regular (weekly) visits and phone calls with your child(ren), when possible. This helps your child keep connected with you. Our HoC staff will work with you to arrange these events.
- HoC (BCH, Inc.) has the following office hours:
 - Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM (CST), Phone: 219.465.7777
- If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911.

Thank you again for your trust in HoC staff and volunteers. BCH, Inc. has been providing care, support, and the love of Jesus to children and their families for more than 60 years. Please contact our office if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda Brooks
President