

About Interfaith Coalition's Family Promise

Interfaith's Family Promise provides emergency shelter to 14 individuals (3-5 intact families/all family types), comprised of children and parents/guardians experiencing homelessness. Local (host) congregations, supported by other congregations (support) provide overnight hospitality for a week at a time for families. Volunteers also provide dinner, breakfast and items for families to make their own lunches. Some congregations may offer families recreational opportunities, all of which are optional. There are no religious requirements to participate in the Family Promise program.

Family Promise provides comfortable beds as well as transportation in a 15-passenger van between congregations and the Family Promise Day Center. Families may also drive their own car. Family Promise does not provide transportation to family appointments but does provide bus passes.

During the day, families go to the Family Promise Day Center and work with our case manager who helps families connect with resources, to include the Opportunity Council, to work toward getting permanent housing. At the day center, there is also space to work, rest, prepare meals, shower and do laundry. Schools will provide bus transportation for children to continue to attend their school of origin.

Guests will sign an agreement to participate in this program. This program is a "dry" program, guests agree not to use alcohol or drugs while participating in Family Promise. Families will enter the program for 30 days at a time, renewable as families meet milestones toward permanent housing. We seek families that fit well in the program and with other families and whom the program can serve well.

The daily schedule at Family Promise:

Sunday:

7-7:30am. Guests depart host congregation for day center

7:30-4:30pm. Families have access to the day center

4:30-6pm. Families move to a new host congregation and get oriented and settled

6-7:30pm. Dinner at the host congregation.

7:30-9pm. Families can spend time alone or in community with other families and volunteers.

9-10pm. Families get ready for bed and are in their rooms/private space by 10pm.

11pm. Lights out.

Monday-Friday:

6-6:30am. Guests depart host congregation for day center

6:30am-5:30pm. Families have access to the day center

5:30-6pm. Evening schedule is the same each day.

Saturday:

9-10am. Guests depart host congregation for day center after time to sleep in—may vary

10am-5:30pm. Families have access to the day center.

5:30-6pm. Evening schedule is the same each day.