



## Safe Families *for* Children

### **FAMILY FRIEND**

*Evangelical Free Churches, NCD\**

#### **Job Summary**

A Family Friend is a volunteer who will connect with the biological parent to support and strengthen them so that they can be a safe family for their own children. The Family Friend will create a supportive relationship to meet a family's daily needs that will be easy to obtain and non-stigmatizing. The desired outcome of this relationship is to empower the parent in their parenting role and get them integrated into an informal supportive network which will be a long term source of encouragement and resources.

#### **Potential Areas of Service**

- Provide friendship and support to the biological parent during hosting arrangement
- Listen when the biological parent wants to talk and provide encouragement
- Share helpful information about parenting and about activities available within the community for children and parents
- Regularly phone and visit biological family
- In some cases, directly provide or assist in access to concrete support via [youshare.org](http://youshare.org) such as childcare, respite care, transportation, etc.
- Assess the family's need; make connections to meet those needs

#### **Minimum Requirements**

- Ability to listen without judgment or condemnation
- Servant's heart and willingness to serve
- Sense of humor
- Flexibility

#### **Gospel-Driven Care & Compassion**

\*For Evangelical Free Churches of the North Central District, it is our desire that our volunteers would regard themselves as "laborers in the harvest" bringing to others the transformational power of the gospel in humility and Holy Spirit dependence. Our primary means of doing so will be to build meaningful relationships of mutual trust, love, and a common commitment to see positive change in individuals and in our community.

#### **Additional information**

Safe Families for Children is a volunteer driven ministry and provides no compensation to its volunteers. The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed.