

# Houseparent FAQ

- What is a houseparent?
  - Houseparents are married, evangelical couples that live in on-campus homes with up to eight children. They live together as an active, loving family. Each home is a large, family-style home with a kitchen, family room, and activities area. These large family units allow the houseparents to provide a safe environment where the children can be children guided by God's principles and direction.
- Do we need to be perfect parents?
  - No, absolutely not. You just need to be an evangelical Christian, love Jesus, have a conversion experience you can share, have a trainable spirit and have a great desire to serve children from hard places.
- Do we need to have specific training?
  - No, TBCH will provide the training you need to serve as houseparents on one of our campuses.
- What if we have our own children living with us?
  - You may still serve with up to two of your own children living in the same home.
- Is a houseparent the same as a foster parent?
  - No, a houseparent serves on one of the residential campuses. They are an employee of TBCH and have up to eight children in the on-campus home. Their job would be taking care of these children and other duties. A foster parent is not an employee of TBCH, they have employment elsewhere and under normal circumstances, they would only be able to care for up to five children living in their own home.

If you are interested in becoming a houseparent with TBCH, please contact us at 1-800-624-8591 or [office@tennesseechildren.org](mailto:office@tennesseechildren.org)