

Lighthouse Family Ministries –**Transitional Housing Program**

WHO WE ARE: Lighthouse Family Ministries is a Christian nonprofit organization, providing resources for families who have experienced domestic abuse. Our vision is to help stop the cycle of abuse by equipping and empowering the families we serve with practical resources, life skills and hope. Our prayer is that the lives of those we serve are radically transformed so that they can live the violent free, abundant and productive life God has prepared for them.

.....

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM: The program provides a safe and secure community living environment for women and their children who have successfully escaped domestic abuse and are ready to begin rebuilding their lives... families can live at one of Lighthouse's Transitional Homes for up to 24 months. We provide a stable, supportive, affirming and accountable environment where families have the time, space, and resources needed to heal, transform, gain independence and transition to permanent housing. Families receive encouragement and support from one another, staff, an assigned mentor, life skills coach, weekly house meetings and a support group.

Our goal is to assist and equip families to successfully transition to permanent housing through a range of services tailored to the individual's and family's needs, which may include the following: advocacy, case management, education, job training, life skills, money management, parenting skills, counseling, discipleship, permanent housing referrals and the building of resilience. Residents are required to meet weekly with their care team to develop these skills and to remain accountable in reaching their goals.

The locations of the transitional homes are kept confidential, but all are within South King County. They are close to public transportation, potential places of employment, local schools, community colleges, health care clinics and hospitals.

Applicants to this program should be:

- Homeless or at the risk of becoming homeless as a result of domestic abuse
- Beyond the initial crisis phase of an abusive relationship and not in immediate danger
- Able to pass drug and alcohol screening with no evidence of open, active addiction

• Mentally prepared, determined and motivated to become self-sufficient

Once applicants are accepted, families can live at one of Lighthouse's Transitional Homes for up to 18 months, with exceptional cases staying up to 23 months with approval.

Residents are provided:

- Furnished rooms
- Access to laundry facility
- Wireless internet
- Weekly support, encouragement and case management
- Resources to pursue education and job training
- Assistance securing permanent housing and six month follow up services

If you feel you or someone you know is in need of transitional housing, please visit <u>www.lighthousenw.org</u> and fill out an application today.

You can also contact us at <u>info@lighthousenw.org</u> for more information.

At Lighthouse, we offer compassionate care to individuals of all backgrounds. We do not require faith engagement in our programming. Lighthouse does not discriminate against housing applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, familial status, sexual preference, or physical or mental disability.

