



What Does Family Promise's IHN Look Like?



Guest rooms

- Guest rooms need to be discrete and private, either an existing room or partitioned space in a larger room. They include cots, nightstand and anything else that can make it feel like home



A Look At A Congregation's room converted to a space for a guest family of five



- Beds provided by Family Promise are moved to the new host church on Sunday.



**A large area can be divided with partitions
if individual rooms are not possible**



Everyone can participate; in this case youth and their parents volunteer to spend the night



Meals

- Typically, volunteers bring in meals that are heated at the congregation but may be cooked on-site





Meals are family style, with guests and volunteer hosts dining together.

Breakfast and lunch

- In addition to dinner, the host congregation provides quick breakfast foods and lunch foods that guests can use to make their own sack lunches



Evenings

- What do people do? Children will do homework, adults will relax, talk, prepare for the next day. In short, what anyone does in the evening.



Activities

- Congregations typically plan an activity—your coordinator and case manager will communicate so volunteers know children's ages and interests

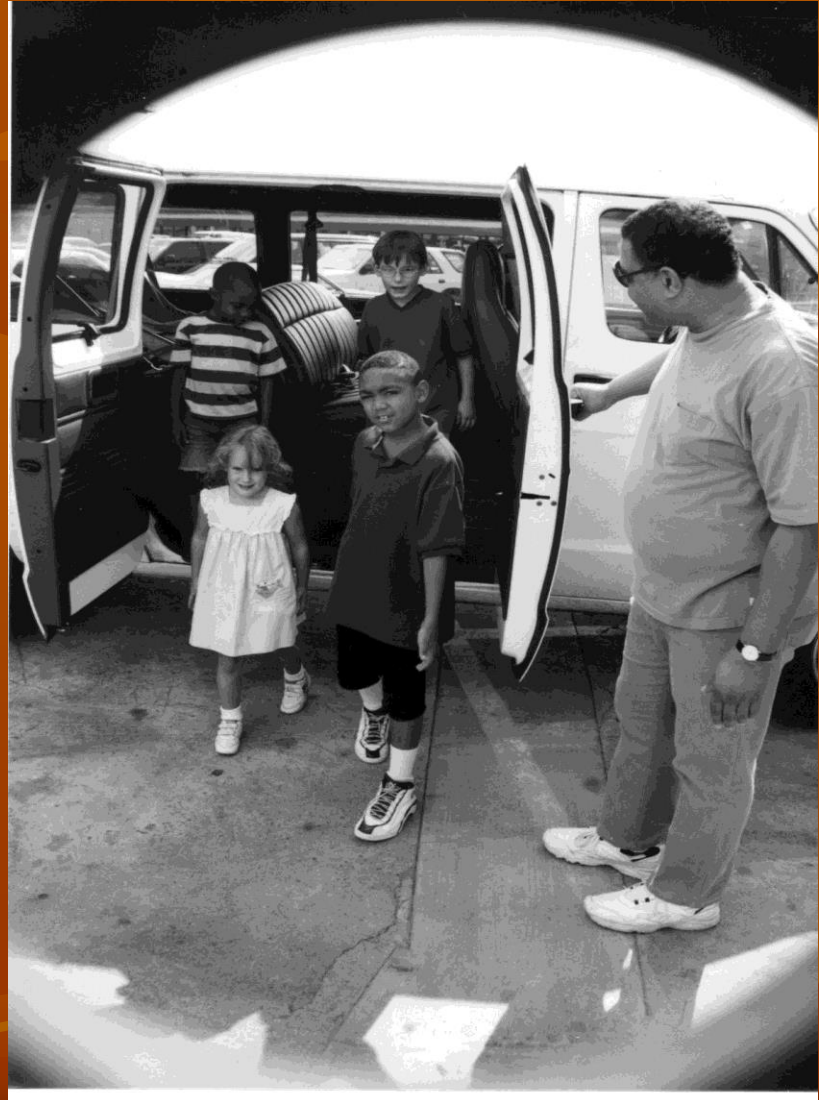


Congregations share their space with both the guests' and the congregation's needs in mind and designate what guests have access to.



Transportation

- The Family Promise van picks families up in the morning and takes them to work, school or the day center. In the late afternoon, the families return to the host congregation.



Day Center

- Guests are at the day center (or at their jobs, looking for work or housing etc.) from approx. 7am to 5pm.



Day Center

Is where guests do job searches, set appointments, use computers, and meet with their case manager. Guests may also shower and do laundry if those facilities are not available at the host church



School

- School districts provides bus transportation for children to their specific school; it is federal law that children who are homeless can continue to attend the same school



On Sunday, guests leave in the morning, the beds are moved, and they enter the next host congregation later that afternoon

- Networks frequently use a trailer to transport beds and guests belongings

