**Short Term Child Care Support Options**

**Jeremiah’s Place**

*Description*: JP provides [emergency childcare](https://jeremiahsplace.org/how-we-help/our-services/) for families with children birth to 6 years old 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Children are able to spend anywhere from a few hours to a few days depending on their situation. JP is located in East Liberty, within the Kingsley Association at 6435 Frankstown Ave.

*Eligibility*: JP does not define crisis or emergency. The type of emergency varies from family to family, but can include, doctors appointments, job interviews, homelessness, domestic violence, medical/mental health emergencies, or childcare closures. There is no income eligibility.

*How to access*: You can refer a family to JP in one of two ways:

* Complete a [**Referral Form**](https://jeremiahsplace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/jeremiahs-place-referral-form-rev001.pdf)
* Call **412-924-0726** *with* the family during an appointment or ask the family to call. JP is a voluntary, parent-driven services, so a parent must be present on the line to schedule.

**Safe Families**

*Description*: Safe Families hosts children in an extended family-like setting while their parents deal with their crises for as long as families need. They work quickly to connect children with a volunteer family and often find a home the same day as a call is received. Volunteer families are extensively screened with a background check, home screening, and references. Children ages 0-18 can be hosted, included parenting teens.

*Eligibility*: Safe Families does not define crisis or emergency and has no income eligibility. Services work best for families can resolve crisis in 6 months or less. Common referrals are for families who need to escape domestic violence or complete drug treatment, mental health care, hospitalization, etc and have no relatives available for support or when relatives are not the best option.

*How to access*: You can refer to Safe Families by filling out an online form at: [Serving Children at Risk - Safe Families for Children (safe-families.org)](https://safe-families.org/get-help/childwelfare/)

**Short Term Slots**

*Description*: Through Trying Together, DHS purchased standing child care slots oat Heritage Community Initiatives (Braddock), Hilltop Community Children’s Center (Allentown/Knoxville), and Providence Connections (Northside). Each center holds a set amount of slots based on age for families in crisis with infants- older toddlers.

*Eligibility*: The type of emergency varies from family to family, but is best suited for families who have needs in line with traditional child care hours (M-F, daylight working hours). Due to the limited number of slots, siblings group can be difficult to place. There is no income eligibility.

*How to access*: The short term slots can be accessed via Jeremiah’s Place. You can refer a family to JP in one of two ways:

* Complete a [**Referral Form**](https://jeremiahsplace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/jeremiahs-place-referral-form-rev001.pdf) with a note inquiring about the short term slots.
* Call **412-924-0726** *with* the family during an appointment or ask the family to call. JP is a voluntary, parent-driven services, so a parent must be present on the line to schedule. Inquire about the short term slots.