



Beech Brook
HELPING CHILDREN & FAMILIES THRIVE

A Social Story about Being Between Homes

A Social Story for Young Children



Families live in lots of different types of homes.



Many families move from one home to another at least once.

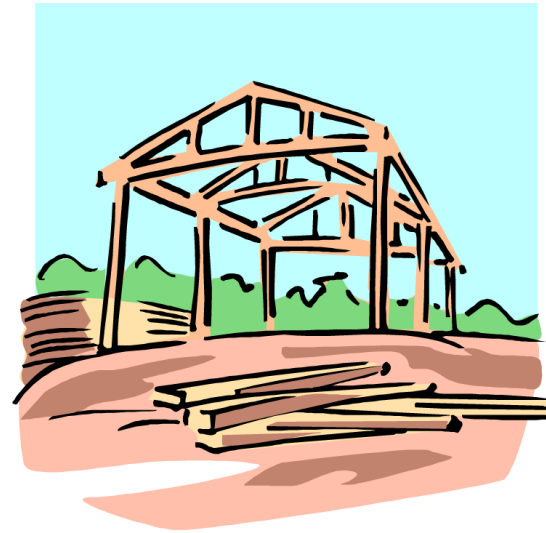


Most of the time, adults are choosing to move and find a new home before leaving the old ones.



Sometimes moves happen very suddenly and there is not enough time to find the next home, or it is still being built.

When this happens, a family is between homes.



If a family is between homes, they may stay at a hotel, stay with friends or family, go camping, or stay in a shelter.

A shelter is kind of like a free hotel with a free cafeteria.



**The important thing is to
have a safe place to sleep,**

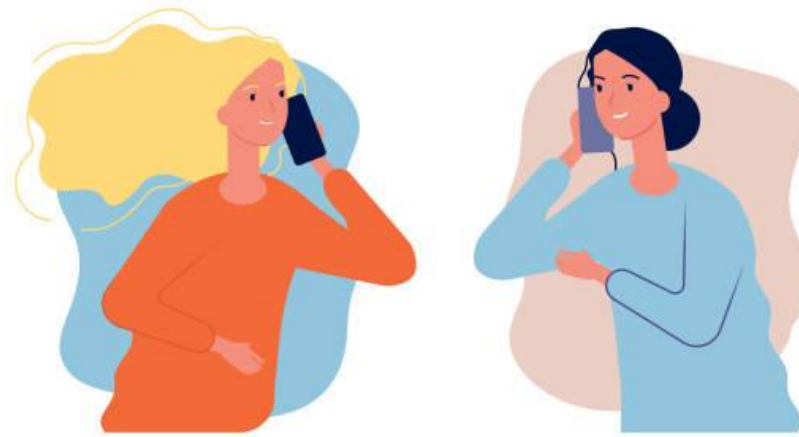


food to eat,



and clothes to wear.

Families try to stay together when they are between homes, but sometimes they are sleeping in different places. Phone calls can help families to stay connected and make plans for what happens next.



Being between homes is stressful for everyone. It is important to say how you feel and ask questions to understand.



It is also important to do the best you can to get enough sleep, to eat nutritious meals, and stay healthy.

This will help your body and your mind to cope with all the changes.



There are people who have special jobs to help families who are between homes. Social workers, clergy, and teachers can all help.



In the end, home is where the love is. Your family still loves each other even if you are not together in your own home.



Keep loving and helping each other day by day until you find your next home.

Parent Tips

- Keeping a consistent daily routine can help kids feel more relaxed and safe in different circumstances.
- Just a few minutes of one-on-one time each day helps children understand that you still care about them even when in tough situations.
- School is important for kids. Make sure that kids stay in school.

Resources

Cuyahoga County Coordinator Intake: (216) 647-6700

Project ACT: Helps children stay in school while between homes (216) 838-0210	Lutheran Men's Shelter: (216) 566-0047
The City Mission: (216) 431-3510	Family Promise of Greater Cleveland: (216) 767-4060
Laura's Home Shelter for Women and Children: (216) 472-5500	Zelma George Family Shelter: (216) 781-3773
Crossroads Men's Crisis Center: (216) 431-3515	Norma Herr Women's Center: (216) 479-0020
West Side Catholic Center: (216) 631-4741	Lutheran Metropolitan Men's Center: (216) 696-2715
Providence House: Crisis nursery for infants and young children (216) 651-5982	Broken Connections: East Cleveland Shelter (216) 721-9527
Moriah House: Shelter for female veterans and families (216) 631-4141	Joseph's Home shelter for men (216) 685-1551
Front Steps Housing & Services: (216) 647-8474	Housing First: (216) 631-0280
St Herman House FOCUS Cleveland: Men's shelter (216) 961-3806	Agape House shelter in East Cleveland (216) 268-5480
Westhaven Youth Shelter for troubled teens (216) 941-0063	Malachi Center: resources and support (216) 771-3036