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DHS is

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

DHS Principles

All services will be:

- High quality, comprehensive and accessible.
- Individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual and/or community.
- Integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs and goals; create relationships and natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals.

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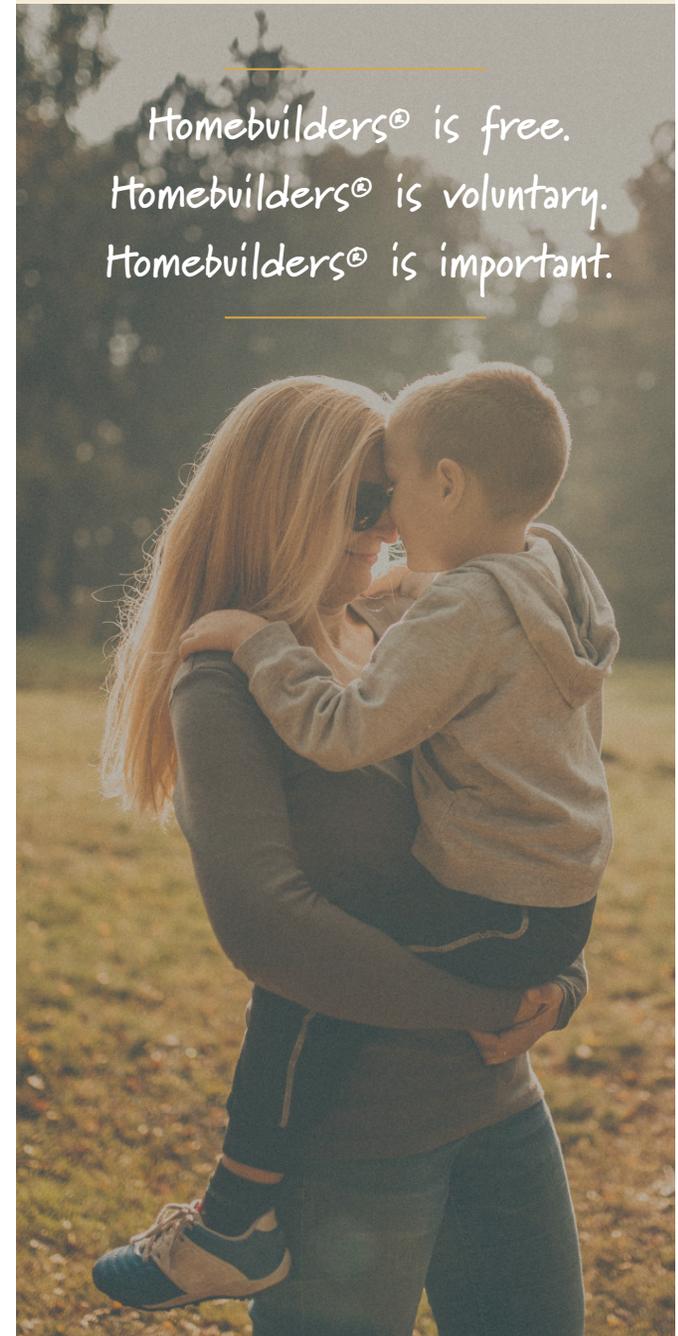
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You will be offered the help of a Homebuilders® therapist if:

- Your CYF caseworker feels that the risk of harm to your child is so significant that s/he is considering removing your child, but feels you are interested in and capable of learning new skills to change your behavior to eliminate that risk – with help.
- Your family will soon be reunited but the stressors that caused your child to be placed out of your home still exist and you may struggle to parent your child safely upon his/her return.

Homebuilders® therapists are ready to help you and your family do what needs to be done so that your child can live with you, in your home, and be safe.

Your Homebuilders® therapist

- Will visit your home within 24 hours of your referral.
- Will work with you to come up with a plan to keep your child safe.
- Will schedule convenient times to work with you and your family.
- Will visit you, sometimes daily, in your home to learn more about your parenting style and your day-to-day life.
- Will teach you safe ways to manage family struggles.
- Will help you to make sure your basic needs of food, clothing and shelter are met.
- Will respond quickly to your call - around the clock.
- Will usually complete work with you within four weeks – usually after about 40 hours of face-to-face service.
- Will stay in close contact with your CYF caseworker and inform them about ongoing safety concerns in your home which could lead to your child being removed from your home.

Your CYF caseworker is

Your CYF caseworker can be reached at

Your Homebuilders® agency is

Your Homebuilders® agency can be reached at

Your Homebuilders® therapist's supervisor is

Your Homebuilders® therapist's supervisor can be reached at

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Most of all,
your Homebuilders® therapist wants
you to be successful.