

**Sometimes life can get in the way.  
You argue with your parents,  
you make some bad decisions,  
or sometimes people hurt you.**

Whatever the reason, sometimes home isn't the best place to be. Or maybe there isn't a home to go to.

The Sanctuary is a place for when you need somewhere safe or some time away. We can provide you with a place to sleep, clothes, counselling, medical care, and help getting back on your feet.



## THE SANCTUARY IS A SAFE SPACE.

The sanctuary is a safe space for everyone who stays with us. We welcome and accept anyone regardless of their physical ability, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or mental health. The staff members at the sanctuary believe everyone should be respected and treated equally and ensure all residents do so.

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

You can come on your own, we can meet you, or we can pick you up. The choice is yours.

You can call us at any time.

1-888-997-1583 OR 1-877-540-7680

[childrensvillage.org/sanctuary](http://childrensvillage.org/sanctuary)

## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT STAYING HERE.

If you're 12-17, you can come to the Sanctuary. We don't need to know much about you, just a few things for our records, but that information is kept confidential.

If you stay with us, we are required to contact a parent/legal guardian to let them know you are at a shelter and that you are safe. But the location of the shelter is kept confidential until you are ready for us to help you talk to your parents or guardian.

## HOW LONG WILL I STAY?

The sanctuary is only temporary. Most come for around a week, but depending on your circumstances, you can stay up to 21-30 days. Your stay is completely voluntary, you leave whenever you want and we will work with you to make that decision. There are rules in the Sanctuary that you must follow in order to remain.

## WHAT IS THE SANCTUARY LIKE?

It's a comfortable house with a kitchen, dining room, living room, computer/game room, and bedrooms. There is staff in The Sanctuary 24/7 to help you.

## WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL AND WORK?

If school is in session, you will need to attend, and we will provide transportation for you. If there are problems at school, we will work with you to fix them.

If you work, we hope that you will continue to attend. However, it is your own decision, and you will need to arrange your own transportation.

