



What is Hope Harbor?

Hope Harbor is a faith-based residential family reconciliation program. We work with children and their families when things aren't going well at home, when both you and your family want to work together to make things better. You would live in one of our cottages with 5 other residents, go to school at Hope Harbor Academy, participate in counseling and go to church with us. Hope Harbor is hard work, but we have fun too! While you work through your program, go to school, and attend counseling your parents will also work through a parent version of the program.

Why do families come to Hope Harbor?

Families come to Hope Harbor for many different reasons. Sometimes there are problems at school, at home, or with friends- or all of the above. Many families who come to Hope Harbor have been through some hard things, and need someone to walk with them through it. All of our families believe there are problems, want things to be better, and are willing to work hard together.

How long would I be there?

Hope Harbor's program is self-paced. You will have 9 different goals to achieve: 3 basic goals, which are the same for everyone, 3 individual goals, and 3 family goals. You work on one goal at a time, and keep maintaining each goal you've achieved as you work on the next one. That can take as little as 9.5 months, or as long as two years. The average is about 18 months but it depends on you!

When would I see my family?

You have a phone call with your parents every week, and unlimited mail to/from the people your parents approve. You would see your family for family counseling, when they come up for parent workshops, and when you have doctor's appointments, in addition to your monthly pass time. Pass time grows with your level in the program beginning with 6 hours per month, up to 5 days per month.

What if I don't want to come?

Hope Harbor is a voluntary program- no one is forced to be here. We believe that it is your life, and your future, and expect you to be an active participant in creating change for yourself and your family. If there are enough challenges at home for your parent/guardian to be considering our program, it might be a good time to think about making some changes. What if things could be better? Would that be something worth working for? If the answer is yes- or even maybe- come talk to us!