

# Host Homes Program



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Am I required to have a background check to become a Host Family?

Yes, each member of the household aged 18 or older must undergo a background check before becoming a Host Family, and again each year that they serve as a Host Family.

#### How many extra rooms do I need to have in my home?

A Host Home must have one bedroom and one bathroom (not shared) that is dedicated for use by the hosted mom only.

#### What kind of training will I receive before opening my home to a mom?

Obria's Social Services Director will provide training beforehand, and will also be available for questions and assistance during and after the client's stay in your home.

### How will Obria ensure my safety as a Host Family?

Obria will require any client who would like to enter a Host Home to complete a background check. Clients are also prohibited from sharing the Host Family's address or information.

## Can the client be left alone in my home?

Whether or not the mom can be left alone in the home will be up to the discretion of the Host Family. The mom may never be left alone in the home with any male 14 years of age or older.

### What length of time is required to commit as a Host Family?

Host Families must be willing to host an individual mom for a minimum of 3 months, and they must be willing to volunteer as a Host Family for a minimum of one year. Exceptions may be made to these requirements for extenuating circumstances.

#### Can I take the mom to church with me?

Church attendance cannot be required, but you are welcome to take the mom to church with you if she desires.