



CRISIS NURSERY OF THE OZARKS

- ~ **Child abuse and neglect rates in Greene County far exceed both the state and national averages.**
- ~ **Local experts see a great need for a crisis nursery in Springfield, as there is no temporary 24-hour care for children ages birth to 12 who are in a crisis situation.**
- ~ **A crisis nursery is a licensed residential respite child care facility which protects children by providing a safe environment at a time when the chances of abuse and neglect in the home are increased.**
- ~ **Isabel's House, the Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks, is the signature project of the Junior League of Springfield. Our partners include Burrell Behavior Health, City of Springfield, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, CoxHealth, Missouri State University, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, St. John's Health System and United Way.**
- ~ **Isabel's House opened to the public June 26, 2007. We anticipate providing crisis care services to primarily low-income families in Springfield and the surrounding area; families with limited infrastructure resources for coping with a crisis.**
- ~ **There are many reasons for parents to experience extreme stress that may result in dangerous situations for their children. Some examples are, but not limited to:**
 - Parents about to physically harm their children.**
 - Family who has just lost their home and needs time to find a new one.**
 - Parent who is seeking or receiving drug or alcohol rehabilitation.**
 - Children whose parents or parent have been hospitalized due to illness or accident.**
 - Single parent who had lost utilities and has no hot water or heat.**
 - Parents experiencing domestic violence impacting the safety of the child.**
- ~ **Although we recognize the needs of children currently in the Foster Care System and those children awaiting Foster Care, Isabel's House is NOT licensed to care for these children.**
- ~ **Isabel's House is located at 2750 West Bennett in Springfield. We are within the city's defined area of need near a city bus route. We will not turn away anyone based on income guidelines or place or residence.**
- ~ **Admissions to Isabel's House are voluntary and confidential.**
- ~ **Families will receive respite, empowerment, support and training while children are nurtured in a safe environment by a professional staff.**
- ~ **Our goal is to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs and to protect our community's most precious natural resource – our children.**

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