

FOUR PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT

Once a family is accepted into the Door of Hope they begin the program with a probationary period and then work through the four phases of development. As families work through each of these phases, their privileges and independence gradually increase until they are ready to leave within a year.

Phase One: Stability

Goals:

- *Provision of a safe home environment
- *Provision of all meals and clothing
- *Development of a daily routine and schedule for parents and children
- *Enroll children in school and/or child care
- *Setting personal, financial, job and family goals
- *Begin individual and marriage therapy
- *Begin attending life-skills classes
- *Prepare for and begin searching for a job

Phase Two: Employment

Goals:

- *Acquire a full-time job and start working
- *Begin saving money and paying off debt
- *Learn to budget finances
- *Meet weekly with case manager and program director
- *Evaluate financial, job and family goals
- *Participate fully in therapy and life-skills classes

Phase Three: Moving Towards Independence

Goals:

- *Move from the front house into an apartment in a back unit
- *Begin to budget independently
- *Buy food and cook for their own family
- *Do chores in and maintain their own apartment
- *Continue therapy and life-skills classes
- *Increase savings
- *Begin to look for permanent housing
- *Prepare/plan for move to their own apartment

Phase Four: Permanent Housing

Goals:

- *Move into permanent housing
- *Assistance in finding a new home
- *Assistance with furnishing the new home
- *Assistance in moving into the new home
- *Follow-up by case management, counseling and other supportive services
- *After school program still available for children