

Weekend Miracles Program Goals

Short-term (approximately 6-12 months)

- Host families and youth connect at monthly events and are subsequently matched.
- Host begins to advocate on the youth's behalf.

Intermediate (approximately 12-24 months)

- Children make a successful transition into their hosting relationships, and the relationships endure.
- As hosts get to know their youth, they become effective advocates on behalf of the youth for permanency, education, health and well-being
- Hosts teach youth life skills and demonstrate how to build healthy, trusting relationships.
- Hosts mentor re: school, job training, and development of interests and goals.
- Youth may move to lower level of care, live with host, or achieve legal permanency with host or other family.

Long-term (2+ years)

- Youth in hosting make successful transitions into permanent families, adoption, legal guardianship or a long term connection to a stable adult.
- Youth leave the foster care system with a life plan and an adult relationship that is permanent. This connection provides the guidance and support the youth needs to lead a stable, adult life. This successful adult connection can support the youth through adulthood.