



Simple Sounding answer:

1. When they aren't safe at home.
2. There isn't a therapeutic plan to change #1.

How do you know when it's time?

1. How long has your child been at this level of struggle?
2. How far being in school is he?
3. How many other places has she been?
4. Why haven't you placed before now?
5. How long have you thought about this kind of decision?
6. How inappropriate are their connections at this point?
7. Is RAD part of their diagnosis? What are your options?
8. What is the level of physical, emotional and "influence" safety you can provide at home?

Common Parent Fears

1. My child doesn't need another abandonment.
2. My child won't ever forgive me and won't let me back into their life?
3. This makes me a bad parent
4. They will only meet "worse" kids.
5. We can't afford it - it will ruin us financially
6. This will ruin our marriage - we aren't in agreement on this.

How to select a partner for out of home placement

1. License and accreditations
2. Knowing their “lane”.
3. Staff ratios – daytime, night, therapists, school
4. Therapy model
5. School resources
6. Family integration
7. Spiritual integration
8. Proximity (home, airport)

What’s important for you to do during your child’s stay in the program?

- Trust
- Letter and phone calls
- Self-care
- Preparing for your child to come home
- Individual, couple, family therapy
- Attend parent weekends
- Home visits

Difficult Placements

- Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD)
- Conduct Disorder
- Sexually Aggressive Behavior
- Gender/Sexual Identity

Transitioning your child home

- Planning starts at intake
- Preparing the whole family
- Preparing your child
 - Reputation
 - Friends
 - Low response to “better way”

Notes:

Project Patch – Next Step

Step 1 - connect –familyexperience.gr8.com or text PATCH to 44144

- Coupon for 20% off The Family Experience
- A list of recommended books related to this presentation
- Follow-up on topics covered on today's presentation
- Access to the slides from today's seminar

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Envoy Group – Next Step

Parent Help Link: (Online request for help in finding a program or other services) –

TheEnvoyGroup.com/help

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