



EMPOWERING SAFE, STABLE, **LOVING** HOMES™

A Whole~System. Framework for
Measuring Quality in Residential Childcare



SAFE –
I feel safe



STABLE –
I can rely on you



LOVING –
I know I matter

WHAT CONSTITUTES QUALITY?

Quality is not what we provide. Quality is what the child experiences because of what we provide—and what becomes more possible in their life because they experienced it.

THE CORE QUESTION



Is this child
experiencing a
Safe, Stable,
Loving Home™?

If not, what do
WE need to do
about it?



RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

- 20+ years' residential childcare practice
- 5 years' structured Lighthouse development
- Research-informed and practice-developed; not yet independently validated
- Next: independent, co-produced longitudinal testing

MEASURING RELATIONAL QUALITY

CHILDREN SAY AND SHOW

- ♥ Do I feel safe, known, valued and able to belong?
- ♥ Who do I trust and seek?
- ♥ Can I participate and disagree?
- ♥ Do I have relationships that endure?

ADULTS CONSISTENTLY DO

- ♥ Do adults notice, listen, protect, remain, repair and advocate?
- ♥ Do they keep promises, remember what matters and maintain safe boundaries?

SYSTEMS MAKE POSSIBLE

- ♥ Do systems protect continuity, relationships and connection?
- ♥ Do leadership, workforce, governance and wider systems sustain the conditions children need?

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A

SAFE, STABLE, **LOVING HOME™**



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