Emily Brown ([09:05:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BAlmQF4xWzxeJtlARNK_Vaszx2Im1sPGVpoiMYjg8Sq0wlYe2o-IASEhRM7dHu86DJ_1qG3DNS17bKIY8YdPgxytPcs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=0)):

Emily Brown, E-M-I-L-Y B-R-O-W-N, doesn't get much easier. I am the Education and family Enrichment manager for One Family Illinois.

Preston ([09:05:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/UVpZhdhHNTyYvPyXHTixSAnsOScCjNN4xOs7ypvWViHFoX8LRETKK-ZJAx0bDJKzpKm5CSR9qNvfkrW4FjZgw26sLUs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=10.8)):

Great. Let me just see if the screeching...

Emily Brown ([09:05:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/bYiI3yHY22Epg_2a7owgwwOYvd6RjX_mN6j-5gwLMxneoH25P9-JCVmwXCFwttLzjyIyIJf8xXr4ABuHvp8dfX6NLRk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=15.69)):

Oh, yeah. Two trains.

Preston ([09:05:22](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Ygh6NdbylWk3ImvJ2TagsiqVemBZxkogL3yHzS_bb4Feqh-LYePnqAMrx8XebR_GM-HXSdc_NCpYZkmUvT8-fuQspbk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=17.91)):

And we didn't know that yesterday. We were doing interviews and then we went outside and we're like, "Oh, we're surrounded by trains."

Emily Brown ([09:05:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/E-1USxYVrhKahgzqQ-HECG7B_qFJMm-yNSOyl_M90n_3adi3cUMLs4PtzehSbP8Z-D-xgPr9juAV5fLQKP7f7-G8MOI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=22.44)):

Two trains. Yep. And they've looked at our maps and apparently since the 1800s we've had two trains. Yeah. So we've grown around that.

Preston ([09:05:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/hdsZsRN1myXrMTsY70E56AoIzt4WMU98R4bflPtpMLR2zp51RgawFSjhkpOYS0Vhp73UtG7byirDMqDIw-g07PH1dzk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=31.95)):

Yeah, it's just part of your [inaudible 09:05:40]

Emily Brown ([09:05:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2C8Ln5lYor0Fwmz5aIuT9Eks0ISxTyOCQ4kRxJgbAT0rcCze4bDfeOoGir1mZj4SeCB2NM50Wn3lzY1SMCj1absqYaU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=33.57)):

Just is. Just is.

Preston ([09:05:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DWLDl9qZTI7N0Dq_PvD94onWCFx403NhwFq2EZwomNn3-q6JxREe4o1RI0zbdhZg-OL43FU_lkt_fJtCRj_YiAXZyog?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=38.07)):

We don't hear it anymore. Okay. Dustin, you think we're okay to proceed?

Dustin ([09:05:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/gaIK71aIHBvdWI5jxDqngZc7W4BtYzDFvX03kVrHh2u9s6GyFxbV2vEoms6NMZtAYFVM1DPoBL7eVjmau2T70QChru0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=38.61)):

Yeah.

Preston ([09:05:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DTHA0vBMyH8SrCOCXdf0HXmIG8BxFxpAu7qAEjqQMIGXnpzqnOd41574NJBTTKD1cCGhrpc0kxcuEK-Qobo8ioY_380?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=38.7)):

Okay. Emily, tell me a little bit about One Family, and who you guys are and where we are and what do you do?

Emily Brown ([09:05:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/AvBjnMU3A0rg8TAp1RJ7LgGUhm172rdhCU9-vjHzWm42eQ2ykh_5Wwd8VN21W9jQb0SbfAmWZ6M9rINHf8DoUVcKll0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=49.95)):

Yeah, so we are at our Chicago Village location. One Family Illinois is an organization that works with youth in foster care, providing homes and pretty much all-encompassing resources while they're here with us. We are not the organization whoever decides when a child is removed from their home or returns from their home, but we try and be that safe space in between. What my team does with the education and enrichment is we are there to provide supports and services for youth while they're in care to get what they need from the schools. Usually social and emotional support as well as educational support, tutoring services, and also everything that allows a kid to have fun and be a kid. My team works with schools to make sure our kids feel like every other kid.

Emily Brown ([09:06:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/WLt0N-lkRIipuMTlXGfqfvSR3jh6fSzmTYcoxmkzyhVO2CfEmj7TemDq6_ZVuQzR3NJHlQGW4TmPsT1inu3iBVavf_A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=108.9)):

And then in after-school we realize that they aren't like every other kid. They have their own personal needs, but they also have visits with their biological parents. They have therapy and their schedules can be all over the place. And because of that, a lot of traditional after-school programming is heart. If you're a part of a sports team, you need to be there for practice on a regular basis, but you might not want to explain to your coach why you have to miss for court. That's where my team comes in.

Emily Brown ([09:07:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/WfJwKTNfMADJPKcXcuKA5X9sVfmPQ6XL4y_zLSYHueftNyamJvIIeTC3YeM7WwnP0F0GlgY9w9KgcOpP7at22HsuefA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=143.64)):

And in addition to that, we provide different programming and activities so that our kids don't have to worry about explaining to anyone where they are and why they're in care. We have Girl Scout troops at each of our three locations. We have two in Chicago, one in Lockport. We just got back from summer camp. We also have partnerships with organizations that provide summer camp program so that our kids have the opportunity to be kids and to not have anybody ask questions about why they're in the situation they're in.

Emily Brown ([09:08:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/d1DREN_zUJriQ8lkvX-aJ7MAHiiB_kMK-_XkWVft6vghElHSU42m8iWNm3V98askSEpOI_F3IvwNY8DdS4MwLHYbfKk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=175.14)):

As I said, tutoring, mentor programs, cooking classes, teen groups, so they get to experience the city that they live in because most of our kids don't have the opportunity to go outside of their neighborhoods or feel comfortable and confident going outside of their neighborhoods. So we are the glue that holds the family support system together. We work with clinicians, we work with foster parents, we work with their case workers to make sure that our kids feel safe and happy and secure and empowered to go on to whatever their next stage is.

Preston ([09:08:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VSgD_Ew62acKfhBhT0hc-i1wzSfVevXtlHEFt0-5kmOCMdZxT-IJmZQ8ygo8z1IlmFwHaOzd6Jc5ORTiItcboJS6KvA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=210.57)):

And just as you answer, you can just, we'll make sure we keep-

Emily Brown ([09:08:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tVR4IRzHo0XllwJr-Ivsg0nwFtp8_ZYjSDC8sWzHeMIQXftd_Vde9268qZSnIrF5IoQWQ2467bJbIF5YtV5Aw_e1vac?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=213)):

Sure.

Preston ([09:08:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Of2KWv4WPTAfqyC65uj7Rb1Fu579wpmiOKUrtVHqZ1G47JBd3by-IuiQ3Ou-fOyYBz35qL0ObzFfOWF7H4fOU3USERI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=213.27)):

Our eye line. We don't want to be [inaudible 09:08:44].

Emily Brown ([09:08:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YuVJprXopBPtDE6eA9lracQwet1VGhaQafdexF6t6EnVzJu8Alla_XUaaOm53C_H0UMFgqY9DG9PMWlnhTC3lIY3_j0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=218.85)):

Okay.

Preston ([09:08:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/EgqNW2Tf5dCKUsfCLhcIu9JjSJ-xyP-P4qyjd_qOpWf7KmymsZcUJdxQFEnNFe3-QoQUugwqJt3xfkNbXxlDAWJpdJ8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=219.33)):

I want to dig a little deeper just into this idea that the kids here are often in situations that don't allow them to have a stable schedule like a normal child-

Emily Brown ([09:08:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lPwOqpEzQiGn5jUSMUsqBNG2JrOtoIRFKL_G9gTB2pC1LTTiw-twU4Ee58UtYWXkYIG7G-M-R8lqMDIMeMqr3K5GlR8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=230.52)):

Yeah.

Preston ([09:08:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6SNoHqcni83d6EsBHXrG1xN4E9P7ivGgDUe9gI2xST9-B6XfGyE8L9GIEOQZT58b0MeseZCosr3pEbkN48Gn6cSar8Y?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=230.64)):

For lack of a better term-

Emily Brown ([09:08:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tL7JaRTzQvtc-jt5WlXjjD0diagDNQdkrE5Fsm_aRCTJthjn_Hwb9trFifMNYjp97TgxD66OEbRDAJfIubk7d3h3EY0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=231.39)):

Absolutely.

Preston ([09:08:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/f9vMbHnEVh5csHB0il6UBV_htvT8flICYlJsXto3xEysgYt1Syy3tXzK885WImDxm9pVTZbxJw0695DDbT73OaaIQ0k?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=231.84)):

Would have in terms of school and all of that.

Emily Brown ([09:08:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lAhY1LtQBPCnPJ2mFwxUhPNhmz0Q5Be1CrLrJLkSe_P6ohZ6mX8sCsvcwOtme996SF3rZizYI1nqhmrlVVer8m8irfY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=234.36)):

Yes.

Preston ([09:08:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2Cmw5loITHKxlqzs5bGtb9IHLJf1orFq9gItpVIq_Fu69yfapO63CoX56U5CjHh9BsnE8OCmv8AN4zFdfvizXQEHb8Y?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=234.63)):

So can you just tell me a little bit about the challenges that children in foster care face just being able to have a stable childhood life?

Emily Brown ([09:09:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/LVwpsatRtjXF9Z0BXnvkCtjweF9eyBuwxbegyFjO1MlfgKpPnf6V43t_J5iFlgPNM6gMBZrzZnmhhSnN6z1HDTD5a2M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=243.09)):

Yeah, absolutely. Many of the kids, when they come into care, they have been out of school for an extended period of time. They might have been going periodically because they were in an unstable housing situation. Maybe it was a situation where parents didn't send their children because they were worried about somebody calling DCFS. And so that is one thing where our kids come in and a lot of times they're far below grade level and also this economic situation that they're in, they don't necessarily have the ability to go to those after-school programs that are many hundreds of dollars or summer camps that can be even thousands of dollars. So they are just left to their own devices in some ways. They also just have very different schedules. Many of our children, our goal is to reunite them with their biological family. And so that means visits.

Emily Brown ([09:10:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HYWt_bWr5mIeLzhLisfL82bLaMm_k31Mg55qQ53aEf1dvW5gNbXRz_jFJLXT7U2GcRlzPy1uM4Vf0aw_iWQiHfkKzIU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=312.87)):

That means some of the visits can change to fit the parents' schedules. Parents are trying to work, parents are trying to get their lives back on track. And so the schedules that our kids have sometimes can revolve around what their parents' schedules are. They also, many times, are attending therapy. And therapy schedules are something that is really important for our kids to make sure they're maintaining. But also if they're doing that once a week, sometimes more than once a week, maybe they're not able to again, be part of those programs that require that regular attendance.

Emily Brown ([09:10:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nBvNeA4T60PIGE4AVPGqmISUgKvoO6wKqfw0g1KP0Jy2x4T9HrYt5YwVKDmllzHV4EWZF8cTLCtRYd5XR-Xn8qhHFVQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=354.33)):

There are just so many different reasons that one of our kids in care has a harder time. Also, just the fact that they might have been the adult in their family for a period of time, and because of that, they haven't been able to be a kid. They haven't had that freedom to just go and play, that freedom to be goofy and not worry about anybody but themselves. And so having opportunities to step away and do something just for themselves is something that's incredibly important that they may not have had before this.

Preston ([09:11:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PpohFkTteYKIK77yu2dEuJeJlx9XDOIPWoGcn0QHiFqXOApkno60iIUPXDzVuhGKR9tvY3FX_lbAnV8UshLuY64YN2o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=397.41)):

Yeah, I mean, you're speaking, I think the term is parentified, right?

Emily Brown ([09:11:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BbraZqcA3wR6q67c7ayQepJXEcLj03B6L57aNZBLTXt2k1oBvNiCddDcvMOu0ZUsTHdF6JDe417d_YEuQ2NEbbXP5zI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=401.28)):

Absolutely.

Preston ([09:11:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Z4EZhkADNqZyqKOqkJ4uLw23_3QxGvcZHBwgktkKZD9k8HOMreSYFH2DJTb1UIH_NbqMtV2QUb87XGa9Y_oWJ8m_nbg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=401.64)):

So the children are in these situations where they're just forced to be as if they're adults and maybe taking care of younger siblings-

Emily Brown ([09:11:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eq71PZypjPWC8_Sngg8BkqQL3wQzU2E6LtzhmR9Ng267pif77oaMOthVX8Ahcnr8mrP_fw208QwCo7pFLe1tC2fV9u0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=408.39)):

Absolutely.

Preston ([09:11:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/UJb1OVw9P9getYZvlLxuq1TnvBMwlWPzfaBEF5srLkGlx9iAQq9gDsC93D9IQHbe5VWZG9wimJS628XgCT_aFBTf7hM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=408.9)):

And all that stuff. Can you speak at all to just the challenges for these children to have good mental health and just some of the instability there that these children often face?

Emily Brown ([09:12:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eGu5q_nK6CMCGSXQ-e-AgKzLIfZX7e0ovq5lFMJ4ttHy_8QyyKyLoa8m62c3tx-R8PVcqr7nQ5aEWx-MW0Wm-BXhmME?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=419.31)):

Yeah, absolutely. Food insecurity is something that's very common when a child comes into care. So they might be worried about where their next meal is. They might hoard food. They might have to worry about if there's going to be enough food for their siblings or themselves. They might have experienced, like you said, that parentification. They have to figure out how to be an adult and how to grow up when maybe they're 12, maybe they're 10. We've seen children as young as six and seven who are taking care of babies. In terms of mental health too, there is trauma associated with being removed from your home no matter what that situation was. That was mom, that was dad. And no matter what was going on, they're your parents. That was all you knew. And so you're going into a new situation that is scary. The unknown is scary.

Emily Brown ([09:13:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/43-1ZW8V-vbHqQIOjQok5H6qQ_diC2nbZ11sDUyHQWunoKujLuC8qhfO-kgo6vo_OcYpfiK960yvmqKfB-PDHa6xGk8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=478.14)):

We're very lucky at One Family Illinois because our whole model is keeping sibling groups together. That's the entire point of it. But many youth in care when they come in, they don't know if they're going to see those siblings that they've been taking care of for so long. And that also comes with its own set of traumas and its own set of challenges. And just in general, our kids sometimes are parentified, but sometimes they go the other direction as well. And they don't have those social skills to be in a classroom or to be in an after-school program with somebody of the same age as them. They don't know how to socialize. They don't know those things that are right and wrong to say. They don't know how to make friends. And so these are all those things with the mental health component that they're learning how to do. They're learning how to be a child, which seems absolutely unheard of, but sometimes our kids have to learn how to be just a regular kid again.

Preston ([09:14:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5ASDYAHFi5c8oDe4I72D1VD9LOHPuA0ER55Yl1tYsWrbTIYl-wXkREz6zVRii-RdXHrap1T3omR75d84f-hjdBI17wU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=545.16)):

And so for those children on both sides of the spectrum, children who are parentified and the children who haven't grown up with the necessary social skills to interact with people around them, how important is the community aspect that One Family provides? Can you just speak to the idea of community and the feeling of belonging and identity and all of those things?

Emily Brown ([09:14:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JSzrTDnpvGjtPQX97h1MgnAzjz3LKT2ERys44gPy8hfEGrdCwy8zjNt4QHcVfIz5pRPDCtuDotYgn_uKBRvhu81edDE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=564.21)):

Absolutely. When they're doing programming with One Family Illinois, when they're going to the parties and the events and they're around other children who are in the same situation they are, you can see that it allows them that ability to just take a breath. They don't have to explain who they are. They don't have to explain their situation. They don't have to explain that Mom doesn't look like me or that I'm not being picked up by somebody who I call mom. I might call them Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so, and you don't have to explain to anyone who you are, especially our children who are a little bit older, who are maybe in middle school and high school, there's embarrassment about being in foster care. There's embarrassment that comes along with the situation that you're in. It doesn't matter that you didn't cause it. It's not like everyone else. And anything that makes you different or other when you're a kid is something that makes it harder to go about your regular day.

Emily Brown ([09:15:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/d0LVcmQBSJrstLgOQWHxpRejT6nQ6QDpCQtm8dmX_cCo2---g6rUKJmTnCinbVmA2LbOOp4f-_zNBfToMmxt43i6kao?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=635.76)):

When they're in programming with us, when they are going to camp, when they're doing these things with people who already know their story and understand them a little bit, even if they don't understand the whole story, even if they don't know exactly what their background is, they know that I'm not going to have to say to someone, that's not my real mom, that's not my real dad. And I think that is freeing. Kids have enough to worry about. That's one extra layer that they don't have to be concerned with when they're here and when they're with us and within the community. And they do have that support network in this community. They have different adults that they can turn to if they are feeling sad or nervous or uncomfortable. They have that foster parent, but they also have people from my team who really build that trust and bond with them to be another trusted adult who maybe they're mad at their foster parent.

Emily Brown ([09:16:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1dHWpbD9WXw4BYRS4mzV9Ff7IMiFIsMHXKAsvsX0MqYEWwX_JKVqvM3BRZNF8_o7J3O6I2G4O1RE3BVoC7qdSOAZ4-w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=698.79)):

Maybe they're mad at their caseworker, things aren't going the way they want them to, but they still have somebody else to turn to. And also, I think it's a support network also for the adults who can say, "Okay, I know that Mr. So-and-so said this to you. He is right. And this is why." It's a different way of hearing that. And it's a different way of having that network and that support system because again, unfortunately, a lot of reasons why these youth are ending up in foster care is they didn't have that support network. It's not just about mom and dad. It's, are there aunties and uncles who are maybe not around? Are there grandparents who maybe could not provide that support?

Emily Brown ([09:17:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JKlifJNJ5XPsn1gHjJH4F1CGq9dbNlcSxP34VBsXe7us_SIrWcO5sCwjOD303e-lQr2R5ZUX5y3S0HBwnWtDyUodKeI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=736.5)):

Even friend networks, there are lots of families that will never have to encounter being in foster care, even if their home situation was the worst in the world, because there's somebody else in that community, that family community, that would be able to take them in and help them. Most of these kids don't have that, and that's why they end up here. So creating that network and that community when they are here, and hopefully beyond that, because we do try and say to our kids, if you need us, just because you're not living down the street doesn't mean you can't reach out. And so that community is something that makes them feel more stable and throughout their entire lives, at least that's our goal.

Preston ([09:17:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/q1n3j_XP_UeRI1kjqc6xFHmsMWnjbKSPEDr3B_Gi-csH8TjI_RdVqsEkXYZP_Ym-uenM0DQOe20gusMdAXwPY_WPGWc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=774.42)):

So they visually see a network of adults that are working together to care-

Emily Brown ([09:18:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/jTCgyO_tTIb-zDh46XfJRTkYj9_DJEJtOy8Qy1BkGMnK216_pW0rKwOMj9uSVXWKHKcBA-oQ8rNCgmG4MlG1psGAVU0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=778.02)):

Yes.

Preston ([09:18:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZFgsUMFB0UPWdaBMpw9r9SCPzSnDaidJ0JkPoCEPMEq1laFJ_IZPNpgu1QklNMZ07u24BqdpVDu1qWN9bIuTksrRstU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=778.47)):

For them. I imagine your work, you work probably very closely with some of the clinical therapists.

Emily Brown ([09:18:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/p-zwCL518o8hMmTgQEegLD84M0lqKP9306j7hmNVPD-iMWaQbLYiqtbvRqcIm3mjXA-r8e1DH4MYSNLFrCKOM1SXz2o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=783.9)):

Yes. Yes. The clinical therapy department is one of the closest relationships that my education team has. My team in particular is very unique because we pretty much see all of the children in one way or another, whether it is because we are providing some school support or because they're coming to programming or because we're helping with family parties and things like that. Caseworkers might only see the children who are on their caseload. Therapists will see who's on their therapy roster. But we see a little bit of everything. And because of that, we work together as a network. If we see something or hear something, we are able to go back to the therapist, go back to the foster families, go back to the caseworkers and keep different things on everybody's radar. It's an interconnected network to build that support system, but also just to make sure that everybody's on the same page and that we're providing what is needed for that child.

Preston ([09:19:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/IcN48eBpZnfdT4ygwK4hd3Oc9J5PgQU3aYJrASUhv8Bnb9hpJJnNZ7ctPPzOrcmaOFy48pTAyo8abBCCBxDGXI34rkE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=849.84)):

And in terms of clinical therapy, it really is one of the unique things about One Family. And so why is it a game changer to have... We talk about these children going through all of these things that-

Emily Brown ([09:19:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/g1CI33sm84cgJgj5QTxOvCx5YmsMz6QKLl9EMS8pc2Pq_CVrVF-uCZi-z_dDxOv4mloPTeEKB0rCAi1oZArnT6kJQpc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=859.11)):

Yes.

Preston ([09:19:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PL0fO6oIAkQaGaVyarcSEQkKY8_7c7EvTZTpEptcwP70AYQMmkkbDpAS6WNqUov3_1KbWs3GbxJK_wSx5Km8C4L3lCM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=859.86)):

Affect their mental health. Why is it a game changer that you have clinical therapists right here, integrated, working with you, working with the children right where they're at? How is that so helpful to the kids and their mental health?

Emily Brown ([09:19:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5JFvzZ1yum65M0cxqVqAX4S2wy3CqGex5HC4u16gOUYmA_iuBl8sS17egvDn3VkkO7BtKUyLiMjacg0eLC7n18VI3rg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=871.47)):

Well, there are a number of different reasons why having a clinical therapist right next door to you is an incredibly important thing. One, you minimize the disruption of having to go offsite and see that clinician. Maybe you are in a program like Girl Scouts, for example. Girl Scout meeting is at four o'clock to five o'clock or four o'clock to six o'clock, but you have therapy from 04:00 to 05:00. Maybe you miss half the meeting. But then you walk out the door and you go right to Girl Scouts. You don't miss the whole thing. We also talk to each other all the time. We can say, hey, this is something that's really important to one of our children. Is there a way we can work their schedule so they get to do both. But also we'll have events and activities where we work together. We've had hygiene classes where it'll be somebody from the education team who knows the kids and can talk to them on that level, but then somebody from the clinical department who can talk to them on a different, unique level.

Emily Brown ([09:20:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/gSlaPB-VmaobxO6x-76y9hABPnQUMrWRCjLnA3GY5iZmUTFn6t4Oz-npIPnh-7AuDGf0IWZCQtjpED7Q7n2Xg9zR5ew?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=935.16)):

Or we can share things to make sure that we are addressing those kids who maybe have certain triggers, certain things that make them nervous or make them angry and figure out the best way that we can make sure they're being served so that they can be a part of a group so that they can be integrated into programming. And also just they get to see their clinicians as people too, which I think is a very unique thing and really important for a kid. We had one of our therapists, we did a teen program where we went on a hike and their therapist came with us, and that was just an opportunity for them to see, oh, okay, Mr. Demetri also likes to do things. He also likes to be outside. He also likes to hang out with us. He likes us. It's not just because it's his job. He wants to spend time with us. And I think that's incredibly meaningful for our kids.

Emily Brown ([09:21:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/QT-uFRDEMYgQdL1C4DZxyWO3-5N6xjSkSFxPEkU2x0GURhyhDEmAdmHZuzenYN9tscfFozOTUxN94-Tr3QMb4DI9WqU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=992.04)):

Also, our kids who are not in therapy or who maybe are hesitant about therapy, they get this little introduction to a therapist who maybe they're asked to share their deepest traumas with, but they've never seen before. If they've seen them here and there in programming, if they've seen them talking to Ms. Emily, or if I can even be someone who says, I trust this adult. This is someone who I know and I trust them. That can be the stepping stone to getting a kid into therapy and being willing to talk about those traumatic feelings.

Preston ([09:22:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0g6IIR0EiK0yhMCDFR_94ZU6VcsDEDEVEjfKO-DHX73XrGN_BkdF0Kft0sE8gLCdGHhK-bLv_CJuhNUxjEdi7JPU4J8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1030.77)):

Dustin, was the honking...

Dustin ([09:22:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Ae1gBX7OBLIooxoFcsYI6ygTkomqn9wS-lvuzUdblOpwtNtcfXcs2MMkmxcxvF2orMAGtIVzz1uyot49nSQuJgyWz2g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1032.42)):

The honking and the reverse tones' barrier. So there was a lot of good methods usable, but it might be difficult to get some [inaudible 09:22:26].

Preston ([09:22:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/aLBuz_IoI5bJg3XsnMi0y525DRbRDWkOCgcs3HiWfqWJKFVKi1dGR-eqRk5D1GzvTaX35L3HqZ2ZErjXX17PSA1MY_Y?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1044.84)):

I appreciate that. Okay. Okay. Yeah. Yeah. We'll keep plowing on. We're trying to not stop unless we absolutely-

Emily Brown ([09:22:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4K5gN1OnA5NkIvkevr3_uHskR0jHjsBJE89qoY_4WpJoNgddhiNgEtp6MNcqXDNKlLh9fIHI7whza35QDvx0dsk2mwQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1051.53)):

I understand.

Preston ([09:22:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/aZUSwB1lKmzOCoKQWw3abzzoycEs1AIqP5LddQwl0ws4k1JIvzdXBi2N6F6eJXPOJkWHmU_0zGsVof2cEnaW01BQsC8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1051.68)):

Something absolutely cannot be fixed in post that we need to address it.

Emily Brown ([09:22:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PvCh6BD4VYxxTru-ogfWXqGQp0PSFylWBlANqusigugVPODtsJsckOOTBZMBryrEuRE6PxMZ13nPLMv5kAjakBgE5W8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1053.78)):

Yeah, no worries.

Preston ([09:22:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/-7JiXdLRlZ7SX8MrPxRu9MNxSNtp5eyCYfl8J9-iJLrqXfLysGd_WAlJpyu0uKobA6JeeJUuxy2tDQ60oVUWBLNuQDQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1055.43)):

So tell me a little bit about this village in particular. We've talked to foster parents who have said that when they want to take their kids to the park, it's a drive. And there might even be some that are semi-close, but they're not really places you want the kids to just go play. Can you tell me a little bit about this location and just the need that this location has for a place that these kids can just get out and play-

Emily Brown ([09:23:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/oTC0tOChGRbL2RdRDUC9btMyo0ZTXm4qpxnj9LWnzpeq6zqOhDXFa166WZM-MdqsKJyCcFv319OWERtTxiPtJJWcIJE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1079.04)):

Yeah.

Preston ([09:23:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SRFzV6CXhFhLJtquv68xQtglLIe6TrKOtyAy_XQgtr4W5moH9KmscP7B1gFSMYsWuSI6-vS3E2ZNcGziKVOcdZnXItg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1079.34)):

You've already talked about the physical aspect of mental health, and getting out and doing things.

Emily Brown ([09:23:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BIQKYRKOyI4XHvzMfEpdm6jCWc8IcTTrdsLhMAGgQ39-36NqMINre9AfXgnjEKxtPS1wcRbkwwM944PUoznJ_AjFJSI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1086.03)):

So we are currently in the Englewood-Auburn-Gresham area. We're right on the border between the two. And it's an incredibly low-income area. It's also an area that unfortunately is plagued with violence. We have a number of kids who have experienced some gun violence in their life or in their family. We're really lucky because this village in particular, because it's at the end of a cul-de-sac, because it is its own isolated unit, it's an oasis in an otherwise difficult area. A lot of our families don't necessarily feel safe leaving the neighborhood. They certainly don't feel safe letting the kids walk to the park by themselves or let them just even necessarily walk to school by themselves. It can be a dangerous area. And a lot of that does come from poverty, and it comes from the fact that it's been an underserved area for decades.

Emily Brown ([09:24:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Z_JoMXB9PL-M5D6vWZcKwvwnINoVG3nbBqL4lUGHHg5bCgeF2iN8OXfylm5QMM2VLou404K-YqY5wiJbdUUL5Ld7hg0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1163.01)):

And so those opportunities to just go out and play and go out and be a kid and not have to worry about that is an opportunity that a lot of our families have not had. And being able to have a place that's for them to just play and not have to worry about that, and again, goes back to just being able to be a kid, not having to worry about all those other factors that makes your life more difficult. And so being able to play does help with mental health. It gives you a break from thinking about anything else. It gives you a chance to be creative. It gives you a chance to build those relationships and those bonds. It gives you a chance to practice maybe some of those things you've learned in therapy or learned as you are in some of those groups that we have. And it just gives you a chance to be somewhere that you don't have to worry about where you are.

Preston ([09:25:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/oFH7doFX-sdUMpaQiN_VekHKNjOcCuomBx1uifEg-DDJI53wXfjM-elk6HmBs9nFQhR1wDdPuMvf-_93xkj6cUAqMUg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1227.27)):

Have you heard reactions from the kids who have found out that the playground is coming? What's been the reaction?

Emily Brown ([09:25:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yky7KEZewcl4hdIo1BXJq3Y64aIpjnYBTzJcK9PWt3wMLsrnqk4TQAGgZvznmSiGdC4QqSLLcDraHzaAiwEkCjYNLSU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1233.96)):

They are out of their minds excited. They've wanted a playground, and they've asked for a playground for as long as I've been here. I've been here for about five years, but I know that that's something they really, really want. The YMCA downstairs has a playground for teeny, tiny little kids, and it has a gate around it, and it's not really theirs. And even that is something they're like, "Well, we don't even have a slide for our little siblings to do anything on, let alone us." So I think this also just makes them feel special. It makes them feel like somebody is thinking about what they want and listening to them, this is something they've been asking for, and they're now going to get to see that asking and persistence can pay off.

Preston ([09:26:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/q0MvyuJWsEiLo3xFEr8J5Tl174crBYFmq4ho6s1WkId7S8XTbrdL5nIT8Bd29atBktkwaIgOjExsMlPk0dnn7JJVfk8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1287.39)):

So in October, there's going to be a huge team of people that are going to come and put this playground together. You had mentioned before the value of these kids seeing a network of adults that are working together for them. What do you think it means to the kids when they see an entire community? So not only One Family, not only Kaboom, but Travelers coming in... Just one second. We're making a quick audio adjustment. I'm not sure what he's doing, but we'll pause.

Emily Brown ([09:27:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/y84yeLl_46hsXO8yXqPJQAhQzhE4VKqwGvGquQTgYrWoUu6DHDweotJ94yEA6QdTBDBJs3yIEPjgofUU97RbxuRLlTE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1330.65)):

Begging kids to be quiet. I know that one.

Preston ([09:27:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PRHFScWX6kRQedtlJDesO7KVajFXecp7wAFs5jniM_UCSOqY0cel-LsRNRz5440-FSrdKxztjogv3F5jlUaSYQChEzI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1336.08)):

As if the screeching trains are not enough.

Emily Brown ([09:27:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/goBTgPQoAoKjTZ4bLXE-6dXZYk1MvmaoB-x-va6RkMrtZ1QAxazeyZ42kXaw9F9NpSWMTxYLGrOBrIG3mD_H64nYDnI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1338.36)):

Right? And this is quite an intersection as well.

Preston ([09:27:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5ZVxDUb3DPnrKq-qZBvGZmXhzJS-HeIhIHdEo-gifzO0zrcNPZRj8noGVItx2BbmIKvg7zeBcsB5uhYCvO1HRum780Y?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1341.03)):

Yes. It is what it is. It's our location.

Emily Brown ([09:27:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Q3ARyljsNz0P4cq-D1RiiN_JPksDemLZfgrRkqHwnMD0lA5Ic1yaTlD-3OcAtv7TZOv1AVTvlwWVBYtZSN7RQyxF72w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1344.75)):

Yep.

Preston ([09:27:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BPbF-nUr_fpX0RnGshvLq1adUf4dz0wtmyGJ4kE3KubeADQgz1FWlvWF-03-_u8fv6w-AsoLFps0RGe2txOnWYMMYOA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1347.36)):

So good, Dustin?

Dustin ([09:27:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Agff0lPP2FowCzIoWtzV4VPJ5eQIDH1uiZJXGdNRmYvZsm6grbGDE3fcb17RJgLoP3DmhMUYxUIFQ3SpUA-g2QUqyjk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1349.01)):

Yeah.

Preston ([09:27:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/N0r3ZIjiIOpE6IGNtHD0UJbgjtVjpnkHNsfykbd3j1e3caKu4EmIrt8ogTsS-PvMON9WfipjmccXuqQHr3QFHiT93jE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1350.42)):

So to talk about a network of adults that care, and that's something important for them to see that there are people who care, people who come together to care. And so you're going to see One Family, you're going to see Kaboom, you're going to see Travelers. What will it mean for them to see that greater community come together and do something that's for them?

Emily Brown ([09:27:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/B1iON7BEc8RRemN-KGSg7b2qQy35jy2lSNBWsNtJSQ8GEI_frDfy2YEY1B8D03sZdXB2sWR8bU3KErl1EiWcTFFbkY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1370.91)):

I think it'll mean a great deal. They'll see that, again, there are people out there who care about them. They will see that there are such benefits to working together as a team too. I think seeing a bunch of adults act as a team and work together as a team, even if they don't necessarily all know each other, I think that's a really big factor. It's seeing that you can work with people who are different from you and you can have an impact that's greater than yourself. And so I think them seeing that and seeing adults come together and do something for them is going to be just the cherry on the sundae.

Preston ([09:28:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Waq6wJsPu8TJPmvSJE29MidOtwKgNM8FgDLTwpo4RhB7UrWIS_rK1s2T30HqIofuJ-CiK7w9k37HE6UkChrzeqfNhRw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1414.2)):

So again, Travelers is funding the project, and I'm wondering if just using Travelers name in the answer, if you can just, I mean, just speak to really how important this is to One Family as an organization and how grateful One Family is to just see this community come together and put this playground together.

Emily Brown ([09:28:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/g44N2U4zPFjLoc6A6v9WmGkfxX1wF3tPjMiZgkhmfwtpnRtYi0fur6XLUqu2NDHD_y3faJ0L1bR5ShyxT5gmnSi1m_s?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1432.68)):

I mean, we could not do this playground without Travelers. This has been something that we have been dreaming about and looking for somebody who's willing to help us make it actually happen and turn it into reality. And Travelers, that's who is making this possible. We have reached out to many, many individuals and many, many companies, and we've come back with nothing. But Travelers is making it happen, making really the dream of our kids come true.

Preston ([09:29:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZUvm-YW78lHbMLLbN7kMMUYo-0dCiQXyaOEawwDyIzjvgIKMxFzR7qwOPeq4DDPjmwcV_QYB6BO43JbWmYIbqzIUStw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1468.83)):

I mean, just in general terms and thinking of what Travelers is doing, how important is it for you and One Family to know that there are other people in the community that have your back?

Emily Brown ([09:29:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/fbTmNjZCKrQGkQdlTElfrjXT7aIE2kQwfZJdQie63fG_B2GcHXfvnKgkPZ05n6YjcpKLIIC4K1ZkZuuyezKPTZqnWMg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1479.09)):

I think it's incredibly important. This is very difficult work. It's really important work, and sometimes it's work that feels like it gets overlooked. So knowing that you have somebody to support you, that you have an organization like Travelers, you have a company like Travelers who cares about their community and wants to see them excel and have something that they've dreamed about and make that happen is incredible and something we are incredibly appreciative of at One Family Illinois.

Preston ([09:30:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Zzpj0eQotZSj0YHSM-YoTAGz7eEbFhg46b8sh10qa_D9G1r7mQrehBpg3wRubSxsYzOXLgMFxE1beLEtDKcIAEp9xf0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1519.14)):

What does the word family mean to you?

Emily Brown ([09:30:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/vpPXGG5ryliZ-sPkHAOCQvZ2XTVBH2_zPGP81vFBu0ke5U8yb7CD5rw7rUfreXaEV1SwvdFZt3KR9Qv_Uk0fO-5Hf24?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1523.01)):

That's a great question. I think family, for me, means having that support network that, no matter what happens, you know you can rely on. On your best days and your worst days, they're there. It doesn't necessarily mean blood. It means community and network and love.

Preston ([09:30:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/3NIPMG9Qw3e9IluTz9CZ2_pSLruBvo83FGZx20Vsi6yyfUaMTcuN_Ikv_MKbU8lnYxbQ-LSL6oQ7g1gi-dkcq44pUxE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1548.21)):

And so when you think of a team of people coming together on October 19th, does that just speak to this idea of family to you?

Emily Brown ([09:30:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/-tOep1aGdq5bl7G8nbDB9Y5oYizkO8c9S-S3onV2nDXNJQCoKqC_65tTCyt5KOQFe3CIOhtfPWhdQ8DQQsaNncif8CE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1550.43)):

It does, because again, family doesn't necessarily have to be the people who you were born with or who you grew up with, but it's people who show that love and show that care and dedication to make sure that you're getting what you need, getting something that makes you happy and makes you fulfilled as a person.

Preston ([09:31:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PKZJDAGkb6wEpgEoZe-2YkDNf6kVTXTWdvPJLNsK3qEL4bAYLthrBFQLju2E5DwcIQQarPnvTUouNmx2gSMJmTBLIvA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1574.46)):

You just said, this is hard work. And maybe it is hard work. Why do you do it? Why do you do what you do? Why are you in this difficult work?

Emily Brown ([09:31:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Gz_qO3S7R7KlP314pkXJoutV-pVA79pZEhBIEoTxXBClFNA9_FtX-Wsa-1XyjIfuCo5vOY5jBqqgBb9ujpVaGSRLipI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1584.51)):

The kids, you see them grow and you see them change. My team is a group of three incredible young women who could be doing so many things in their life, but they've dedicated themselves to making sure these kids have the best support network that they can, that they're allowed to play and have fun and be silly and be goofy. And that they are able to do the work, gives me the ability to do the work. My team is a really strong component of why I'm here.

Emily Brown ([09:32:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/jMXlOCTLiUX0Ztegz0ud6jE9zcbWX-nayyLGbJ6AW1yjRSIiDYqXXAH0EUlNBuPBqjoLf7uazkBul46xXm_0gclVyIw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1623.24)):

And then, like I was saying, the kids. I've been here for five years. I've seen some kids go home. I've seen kids be adopted. I had a child the other day come up to me at Girl Scout Camp and say, "Ms. Emily, I'm getting adopted." And knowing her story and what she's been through and the process it's taken, and just the absolute joy in her eyes to know that she's getting a home that she's wanted for so long, that's why we do it. We do it for those little moments, those little moments of joy. We do it for the goofy moments, the silly moments, the moments where they are just getting to be kids, and you get to show them love. And selfishly, we get love back too, and that's what keeps you around. It's that love for the kids and the love that the kids ultimately give you back in return.

Preston ([09:33:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DYnOuLfka0JguOkgwLXkRUuhP8f8ZSrPjPE8YUsVOssPPIq7uJAMlkDy-sEGc8W2076rmV9K5FwP319K8EIZC1DXvYE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1686.33)):

Yeah, yesterday we had people that told us, and you just alluded to this, that you have to celebrate the little victories, right?

Emily Brown ([09:33:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qeV-yf-L3dXAwnEPNMvcJM_WwRGTAJlABOoXNUeSWjcRYa29c_Bmbo-tLlja_YAMpbkFYoRg6yqTqX0I7OVIEklffRo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1695.27)):

Yes.

Preston ([09:33:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/QnNGh4AplKvnpNGkA4pUMakBOeu1_SL3NXxBvY0TyHTEQoL44tz3vrAL6bfFPCE6vW--rOOvyMR0aJYT75c-WnaM22A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1695.36)):

There's big victories that come, but there's also little victories that you get out of it that you have to celebrate. And somebody might say, a playground is greatly needed here, but it's just one little thing that might make us a small impact on a greater community. Thinking of the small victories, I mean, how would you say that building a playground is part of actually changing the child's life or the trajectory of their life?

Emily Brown ([09:33:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/h2f3uAE4APGh1qBk24nBbT6e_PtKh8nT_SK4f4ryy_OFBcg090DaMH1JGby2v_pPSfGRuRoypubdBhnl-if4mm7AJ1g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1720.47)):

I think... Do we want to wait on that? I think a playground, it might seem like a small thing to someone who's had access to it for their entire life, but a playground, it's a gathering place. It's a place to make friends. It's a place to have those memories of just being a kid. I think a lot of us have memories of people we've met and grown up with on playgrounds. I know for myself, the first broken bone I ever had was on a playground. Didn't stop me from playing, but those are impactful moments that in your life you get to look back on. You get to have those happy memories. And I think having something like a playground gives a place for those happy childhood memories to come about.

Preston ([09:34:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/8kRzj-pODH0q5qrWI4w3zOWNTea_YR_LN1F7c1HpRI7_p3zcuJ34LaQI0djhvkYVl8EG-5ax4Nvhho1LH7Jqa1CM0S0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1780.29)):

That's wonderful.

Preston ([09:34:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Vlf_vzOMxQ5vYlDOtbR4TlOn8r8F0Stn56fHD7waG1-ykXUg5pFQcbn2ffLJuljAJisSCF13-hRCRuZ-qQk5Ld1JWL4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1784.61)):

Got anything, Marlene?

Marlene ([09:34:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/e47DHtqWd5lmX_SgRzr0s0LGzzhGAzA6EGo4CmvUgFajCTi-LNEx5LJbrdMBWnGxLX4l_iAKOIyOacGCu3CCepiirFo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1790.4)):

I'm sorry. I'm working back here. [inaudible 09:34:58] doing this. You may not be able to, you may not [inaudible 09:35:03] in this. I was just curious, do you have any stories of individuals and people who have come through the One Family experience and have stayed in touch and share what they're doing now, or were they and their siblings maybe... Anything along those lines, just the long-term impact One Family has on some of the kids who come through?

Emily Brown ([09:35:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VEc3t-P91YWhl7gdmyEsr7hsAm59WmNXT6e67LYekSNF3bV8ACnZUXSYH4mo3LRKwFsoSVYE7Fr-5yQloM4DjWmQPeQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1822.59)):

That's a great question. We do sometimes have kids who come back. I'm trying to think.

Marlene ([09:35:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PSvncx4U_pwpmov8dRf98E_7Ka2sgD4Nh6oI9s23u2RU5xADyo3WrseJWtd8N_Gm2WeBMlOplANtrP7V1muCP5Z707E?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1836.45)):

No pressure.

Emily Brown ([09:35:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ldkGPAs4mveslLN2KZatw2kmKdqTV8BWZjyfBotvWQR9qBnNH7abrhiX6nJ6O03bu8urdvklkLUKQVZX7kV-yqKMH1o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1837.02)):

No.

Marlene ([09:35:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2-f566MHnS2-eJKRDBMpfLSkV1nq_C2fLY_ZvHPlHLYMQTQMPEs1PrCKt9i3Ca-imCFZWMXZUS24tS263bjBhIqA3PQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1837.08)):

You were talking about some things. I was like, "I wonder if..."

Emily Brown ([09:35:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/rJ1ib5Cn1Q0qPrdfJBA-Vzmgmd2kON-G4ABui1VEvEBAOPX7cuycVHfIpsDv0mv7K6FR11eaHzBhEJJ3y3Y92HsunIk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1843.02)):

And it's one of those... It's a double-edged sword. You like to leave the door open, but there are lots of families, and understandably so, who, this is a chunk of their life that you try and make it as good as you can, but it's sometimes some of the hardest moments of their life as well. And so while you try and leave a door open, a lot of people don't take it. I will say that we've had... There's one young man who, he was part of a group of brothers who eventually his foster parent took guardianship over him, and she's still with us now. And so getting to follow him and what he's done has been through her a little bit. But I got to know him when he was, I think, in seventh or eighth grade. He is now a freshman in college, and he has been going to... He had gone to a summer camp that we have a great network and partnership with.

Emily Brown ([09:36:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/zQF27drovqyxy5I1RuE-FEKoq6n89TbCtFvpd66mdPpQ4wu-gkcymvpSf497AmejLBzbYrdah74wwgyotH3eLbdy2UE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1911.03)):

He had been going for two or three years. His last year was supposed to happen when COVID hit, so he wasn't able to go back. And we were able to connect him with the camp, and he had a summer job there. And just being able to see that those connections and those memories and that sense of being outdoors and playing was something that he's not going to be a counselor forever. That's not where his career path necessarily is. That's not where he's going for college, but that he still has these fond memories of being in a place that was made possible because of One Family is very meaningful. Our kids are, they're special. They're very special. And you don't always get to see the end of their story, which is hard, but you give them every tool that you can to make sure that whatever that story is, it's the best one that they can have.