# The Admissions Process

Residential & Day
School

Step 3
Enrollment



### Hello!

We are very pleased you are moving forward with enrollment at Heartspring. We understand the conflicting emotions that come at this stage in the process—from hope to anxiety to guilt and grief and back to hope and so on.

The Admissions Department will do our best to help you understand the additional steps you will be taking through this process, and we encourage you to set up a time to tour our campus if you haven't already done so.

In addition, here are some things to be looking for and reviewing:

- Once the enrollment date is confirmed (meaning parents and the funding agency have accepted Heartspring's enrollment date offer), the Admissions Department will send parents:
  - The Admissions Checklist
  - The Parent Handbook; along with:
    - Enrollment Paperwork
    - Packing List and Inventory List
    - Policies to review
- 2. Intake Meeting An Intake Meeting is scheduled and held.
  - o This meeting is held at least **two weeks** prior to the enrollment day
  - Parents/guardians, the referring school/agency and anyone else who knows the student well should participate via conference call
  - This meeting is approximately two hours long, and helps guide the creation and implementation of the Behavior Intervention Plan and the Individualized Training Plan. We also draft the Reintegration Plan in this meeting, which defines the three main reasons for placement in addition to outlining related goals for the purpose of enabling a student to transition back to his or her home community.
- **3.** Funding/Contract is secured and is in place for private pay, and/or school/agency funded students.
- **4.** Complete and return as much of the Enrollment Paperwork as possible, **PRIOR** to the enrollment date.
  - This will make the enrollment day go more smoothly, less time will be spent completing forms and more time can be spent unpacking, decorating, and spending time with your child after school
- 5. Enrollment Day Sample Itinerary

Heartspring Enrollment Day - Sample Itinerary	
9:00 a.m.	Student arrives on campus - goes to classroom
9:30 a.m.	Parents meet with Psychology – discuss/approve the Behavior Intervention Plan and Individualized Training Plan
10:30 a.m.	Parents meet with Medical - discuss medical needs, medications, sign paperwork, etc.
11:30 a.m.	Parents meet with Director of Admissions – orientation & finalize all paperwork
12:30 p.m.	Parents begin setting up the student's bedroom in the group home and begin unpacking
3:00 p.m.	Parents attend a Team Meeting to discuss their child's first day
3:45 p.m.	Parents spend time with student in the group home after school and continue unpacking, etc.
5:00 p.m.	Parents leave group home at dinnertime – say "good-bye." Parents can return home at this point.

6. **Final Thoughts** – While leaving your child at a residential placement may be a new experience for your family, please know that the staff at Heartspring have assisted many children, moms and dads, guardians, grandparents, siblings, and other loved ones through this process. The Heartspring staff and the other Heartspring families are ready to welcome and support you. If you'd like, we will match you with a Parent Mentor who may also be relatively new to Heartspring or who may be a veteran in this experience. We are also able to offer some parent/family support by utilizing our outpatient Marriage and Family Therapist. Lastly, there is a private Heartspring Parents Facebook Group that the Admissions Department can tell you more about. The entire Heartspring family looks forward to building a positive, collaborative, and working relationship with you as we all work together to see your child learn to become safe, gain new skills, and make strides towards a more independent life.

# **Next Steps**

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## Step 1

**Inquiry Phase** 

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### Step 2

Submit Application
Provide Records
Tour our Campus (may do this in Step 1 if preferred)
Acceptance Letter
Enrollment Date Offer

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### **Step 3 – CURRENT PHASE**

Admissions Process Continues Enrollment Date