



Basic Orientation Guide

On behalf of Our Amazing Grace Foundation

3. How to Prepare a Team in the Church for Foster Care and Adoption

The Church Can Do A Lot

Not all families are called to receive children in their home, but every church can help care for foster and adoptive families.

The church can become:

Place of support.

Secure community.

Source of hope.

Extension of the love of Christ.

Steps to Create a Support Team

1. Talk to Your Pastors and Church Leaders

One of the first steps is to share the vision with:

Pastors.

Leaders.

Ministries.

Service equipment. Talking to church leaders helps to:

Create unity.

Receive spiritual coverage.

Organize the ministry better.

Identify people willing to serve.

2. Create a Clear Vision

Start by defining:

* Why do we want to serve?

• How much do you need to help children and families?

3. Form a Base Team

"To be the hands and feet of Jesus supporting vulnerable children and foster and adoptive

Identify people with passion for:

Children. Family.

Service.

Counseling.

Organization.

Hospitality.

Prayer.

You don't need a perfect team.

A willing team is needed.

4. Educate the Church

Offer:

Orientations.

Conferences.

Workshops. Testimonies.

Resources on foster care and adoption.

Many people want to help, but they don't know how to start.

How to Search for Resources and Organizations

Examples of searches:

"Church foster care ministry"

"How churches help foster families"

"Faith based foster care support"

"Christian adoption support"

"Foster care support organizations"

"Foster care resources for churches"

What should they look for?

Reliable organizations. Training programs.

Resources for churches.

Family support networks.

Agencies that collaborate with faith communities.

5. Create Different Support Areas

The ministry can help in many ways:

Emotional Support

Listen.

Accompany.

Pray.

Give encouragement.

Practical Support

Meals.

Clothes.Diapers.

Beds.

Transportation.

Help with removals.

Spiritual Support

Prayer groups.

Mentoring.

Bible studies.

Pastoral counseling.

Rest Support (Respite Care)

Temporarily help foster families so that they can rest and recover emotionally.

6. Create Alliances

Connect with: Foster agencies.

Social workers.

Counselors.

Local organizations.

Other churches.

Collaboration multiplies the impact.

7. Protect Confidentiality and Security

It is important to train the team on:

Privacy.

Respect.

Childhood trauma.

Healthy limits.

Child safety.

8. Walking with Families Foster and adoptive families need constant community.

Sometimes the most powerful is:

A call.

A meal.

A prayer.

Someone who says:

"We are with you.

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Our Prayer

At Our Amazing Grace Foundation we believe that the church can be a voice of hope for vulnerable children and families in need.

Not everyone can adopt.

Not everyone can be foster parents.

But we can all do something.

Because when a community comes together in love, a child can find hope, stability and family.

