

South Carolina Ministries/Agencies

Connie Maxwell <https://www.conniemaxwell.com>

Miracle Hill <https://miraclehill.org>

Lifeline Children's Services <https://lifelinechild.org>

A Home for Me <https://www.ahomeforme.sc>

Fostering the Family <https://www.fosteringthefamily.org>

South Carolina Foster Parent Association <https://scfpa.com>

The Jade Bridge [The Jade Bridge - Home](#)

Foster Care and Adoption Outline for Ministry

A. Biblical Basis

Scripture is very clear that God calls His children to care for the vulnerable and to seek justice for them.

B. Steps to Launching a Foster Care / Adoption Ministry

1. Seek support and direction from the church.
2. Establish a Prayer Team and / leadership team.
3. Dream and pray about specific ministry and area. (Foster Care, Adoption, Kinship Care or GAL or Mentor).
4. Develop structure and proposal of ministry – Keep it simple.
5. Keep the vision before the church – through multiple celebrations.

C. Wraparound Support Structure

1. Establish support structure for families
2. Individuals and small groups – maximize existing family relationships with individuals and/or groups.
3. Prayer partners.
4. Meal plan, errand runners, respite care.
5. Resource closet, gift cards, parents night out.
6. Support group hosted by a church.
7. Provide trauma informed training and other resources for families.
8. Study – books or specific Bible studies as a group.
9. Set up an adoption grant fund or special needs fund for families.

D. Child Welfare Encouragement

H – Honor – speak highly of workers in public and private. Build trust relationship to have tough conversations. Recognize the work they do for families and children.

E – Encourage – invite workers to a luncheon at church, cater a lunch to their office, write notes and send updated photos of kids. Take time to appreciate who they are and what they do.

L – Love – take a worker to lunch, redo a visitation room, provide care kits, supplies for workers to have in their cars, provide snack cart for child welfare office. Find tangible ways to share love with workers. Bless them unexpectedly.

P – Pray – get a list of workers in your county and assign them a prayer partner in your church. Have a prayer service and invite them to your church. Praying for one another is a tremendous gift.

Books

Wait No More by Kelly and John Rosati
Reclaiming Adoption by Dan Cruver
The Body Keeps the Score by Bessel Van der Kolk MD
Everyone Can Do Something by Jason Johnson
The Connected Child by Karyn Purvis and David Cross
The Connected Parent by Lisa Quails and Karyn Purvis
Until There's More Than Enough by Jason Weber
More Than Enough by Jason Weber.
Adopted for Life by Russell Moore.

Book Group Studies

Reframing Foster Care with group discussion guide by Jason Johnson
The Foster Journey with group discussion guide by Jason Weber

Websites

Christian Alliance For Orphans <https://cafo.org>
Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian
University <https://child.tcu.edu/#sthash.PSH9h8qW.dpbs>

Blogs

The Foster Roster by Jason Weber
Jason Johnson Blog

Podcasts

Justice and the Inner Life - Jedd Medfine
Foster Movement - Jason Weber
More Than Enough - Jason Weber