

SCBC Foster Care and Adoption Outline for Ministry

Biblical Basis

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

Steps to Launching a Foster Care/Adoption Ministry

- Seek support and direction from the church.
- Establish a Prayer Team and Leadership Team.
- Dream and pray about specific ministry and areas (Foster Care, Adoption, Kinship Care, GAL, Mentor)
- Develop structure and proposal of ministry – keep it simple.
- Keep the vision before the church through multiple celebrations.

Wraparound Support Structure

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

Helpful Resources

More Than Enough by Jason Weber

Everyone Can Do Something by Jason Johnson

Connected Child by Purvis and Cross

Adopted for Life by Russell Moore

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 or supplies for workers to have in their cars, provide snack cart for child welfare office. Find tangible ways to share love with workers. Bless the 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!



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