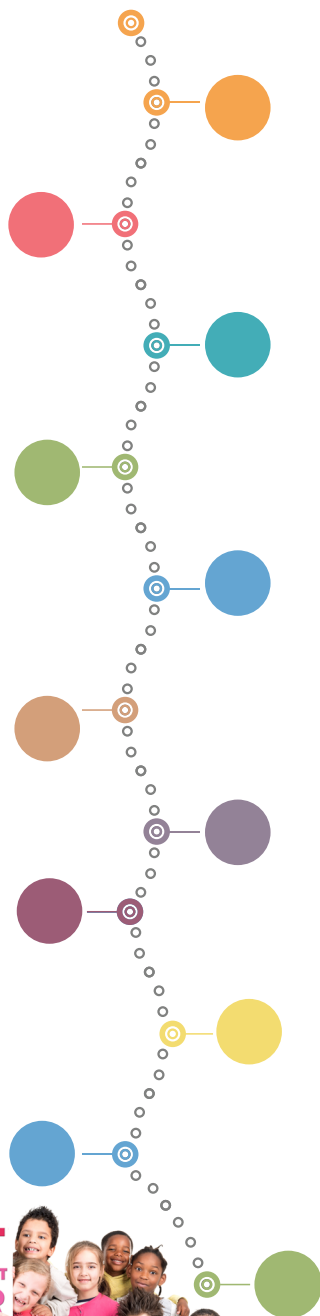




Make a difference for life, one child at a time!

It takes a community to raise a child

A Step-by-Step Guide to Foster Care Ministry



Month 0:

- Learn about the needs of local children in the foster care system
- Commit to being part of the solution
- Seek approval from your administrative council

Month 1:

- Week 1: Assign congregation rep to focus on your church's outreach
- Congregation Rep meets with PBCU rep to create your church's timeline
- Week 2: Add info to church website (stock info provided by PBCU with links)
- Introduce project to members (utilize video)
- Designate a monthly "Foster Care" Day (2nd Sunday, 3rd Saturday, etc.)
- Deploy bookmark prayer campaign
- Weeks 3-4: Recruit additional Foster Care team members

Month 2:

- Host Info Session (educational session about the need & how to get involved)
- Host "Heart Gallery" poster & prayer (intro to quarterly pray-for-a-child program)
- Start James 1:27 List

Month 3:

- Celebrate impact to date; members share their stories
- Recruit team to spearhead "wrap-around" services
- Ongoing pray-for-a-child program
- Begin monthly service provider video (highlight various agencies to assist)
- Begin monthly bulletin article

Ongoing: Monthly child prayer, agency videos, bulletin articles, & impact stories

Month 4:

- Host aged out youth or foster parent presentation
- Service provider fair (following presentation)
- Wraparound program continues & grows to assist those fostering

Month 5:

- New "Heart Gallery" Poster
- Host Info Session (orientation and classes if enough signups)

Month 6:

- Congregation coordinated community outreach with Home Kits – Yard signs, info cards, for members to use as talking points; ask key members to host "coffees"

Month 7:

- New bookmarks (semi-annual)
- Host a Guardian ad Litem Info Session (schedule onsite training if enough signups)
- Focus on a Kids Helping Kids (post flyers, make care packs, teach empathy)

Month 8:

- New "Heart Gallery" Poster
- Book reading: divide key members into groups; assign different book to each group

Month 9:

- Have book reading groups give short presentation on what they learned

Month 10:

- Strong focus on impact to date & enhancing/growing the Wraparound program
- Host a foster parent info session (orientation and classes if enough signups)

Month 11:

- New "Heart Gallery" Poster

Month 12:

- Celebrate the impact your church family has made & commit to continuing mission!



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