

## SERVICES PROVIDED

Recruitment for Adoption, Foster Care, Mentoring & Church Watch Care



**ADOPTION** is taking responsibility to provide a child with love, stability and a permanent home. The child becomes yours, just as if he or she were born to you. Adoption provides an opportunity to raise a child in your image. For the child, it provides reassurance that there will be someone to count on – to support his or her dreams of achieving a successful and bright future.

**FOSTER CARE** is temporary care of children in your home, until they can be reunited with their families or placed for adoption.

**MENTORING** is an experienced advisor or individual providing encouragement, support and assistance to a child or a family, including prospective adoptive and foster families.

**CHURCH WATCH CARE** is a care ministry of local churches that can be extended to children in foster care and local families to provide a long-term, congregation family connection.

## FLORIDA REQUIREMENTS

To adopt, foster or mentor a child is a major decision, but it's not difficult. The process of adopting or fostering a child simply requires completing a parenting course and a home study which can usually be completed in less than eight months. Mentors are provided training and background screening as well.

- ♥ You must be at least 21 years old and married or single.
- ♥ You must be able to provide for the basic needs of your family, but do not have to be a homeowner.
- ♥ You can have other biological, adopted or foster children. Additionally, you can work full-time.
- ♥ Additional steps may be required to complete licensing as a foster parent.
- ♥ College, medical, and financial assistance are available for families.



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# One Church One Child of Florida

Since 1988



Finding **ONE Family** in Each Church to Adopt, Foster or Mentor **ONE Child!**

Linking Partnerships for Children

"Increasing permanency for Florida's Children through prevention, intervention, adoption, foster care and mentoring promotion, and providing support for families."



## OUR PROGRAM



One Church One Child of Florida is a statewide, non-profit, faith based child welfare organization governed by a board of directors appointed by the Governor. We work in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families, community based care agencies and organizations and churches to help increase permanency for children in foster care and provide support for families in communities

### We accomplish this mission by:

- ♥ Raising awareness of the need for adoptive and foster homes and mentors for Florida's waiting children
- ♥ Engaging the faith community to partner in providing outreach to families and support for children
- ♥ Recruiting, tracking and referring individuals or families for adoption, foster care or mentoring training, preparation, and approval or licensing
- ♥ Linking children to churches to ensure lifelong family connections and support through Church Watch Care



One Church  
One Child  
OF FLORIDA



## All Kids Need Love

### Facts You Can Change

- ♥ On any given day, over 700 children are waiting in foster care with no family identified to adopt them.
- ♥ Most waiting children are over 8 years old; many are members of sibling groups; over 50% are minorities.
- ♥ Each month approximately 100 youths age out of foster care and need someone to guide them.
- ♥ Some children are placed in foster care outside of their county of residence due to the increasing need for additional local foster homes/families.

“ ALL CHILDREN WANT,  
NEED AND DESERVE  
LOVING PARENTS. ”

## TO GET INVOLVED TODAY



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### Ways You Can Get Involved

- 01 Adopt, foster or mentor a child or sibling group in foster care
- 02 Sponsor a child for Christmas, back to school, or special occasion
- 03 Help recruit other families or individuals who may be interested
- 04 Sponsor local activities or events in your community
- 05 Join One Church One Child as a Partner
- 06 Expand your Church Watch Care to include children in foster care and families in local communities
- 07 Donate your time or financial support to One Church One Child