

### **RECRUITMENT FOR:**

### Adoption

Providing love, stability & a permenant home to a child.

### Foster Care

Temporary care of a child in your home.

### Mentoring

Providing encouragement, support & assistance to a child or family.

Church Ministry Partnerships
 Extending care ministries to children in foster care & local families.

### Florida Requirements:

## "Children are Waiting for Your Love and Care"

To adopt, foster or mentor a child is a major decision, but is not difficult. Adopting or fostering a child requires completing a parenting course and a home study which usually takes about nine months. Mentors are provided training and background screening as well.

- Be at least 21 years old; married or single.
- Be able to provide for the basic needs of your family, but do not have to be a homeowner.
- 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.

# One Church One Child of Florida

- Since 1988 -

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



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# CONNECTING PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN!

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

# **PROGRAM**

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

### THIS IS WHAT WE DO:



Educate communities on the needs of children waiting in foster care for adoption.



Raise awareness of the need for additional foster homes in every region to keep children in their communities and schools.



Recruit churches throughout the state to partner in recruiting resource families, supporting children and strengthening families.



Recruit, track and refer individuals or families for training, preparation, and approval or licensing to adopt, foster or mentor children in foster care.



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# **HELP US CHANGE** THESE FACTS

### IN FLORIDA:

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.



### WHAT WE'RE DOING

Providing services to adoptable children and increasing children's potential for placement in a permanent family home, promoting child welfare services to children and supporting families.

"Children are a Gift from God; Adoption is an Option!"

### **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**



- Adopt, foster or mentor a child. sibling group or family.
- Sponsor a child for Christmas, back to school, or special occasion.
- Sponsor local activities or events in your community.
- Support local families to help reduce the number of children in foster care.
- Donate your time or financial support to One Church One Child
- Become a Prayer Partner with One Church One Child



### **CHILDREN NEED LOVE**

"CHILDREN ARE **WAITING FOR YOUR LOVE AND** CARE"

