

# How can my church/association be involved with foster care & adoption?

**Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are on mission together** because we believe that our North Carolina churches are the answer for impacting the **16,000 children** in the custody of the state's foster care system.

Through our **EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry**, we come alongside your church to:

- Train and license couples your church who God is calling to foster or foster-to-adopt. Training takes place at your location on a schedule convenient for you.
- Help your church/association establish its own ministry to provide ongoing community and support to the foster and adoptive parents in your congregation and their children.
- Provide ongoing support to your church/association and families. If there are issues or a crisis, we can consult with you.
- Offer trauma-informed training to help with boys and girls who come from traumatic circumstances.
- Train and license through a Christian perspective.

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**CHILD**  
foster & adoption ministry

# What are the next steps for church/association?

*Pray*

Pray for God to reveal how your church can be a part of ministering to children. Pray for the 16,000 children in NC's foster care system.

*Invite*

Find a time for a representative to share about foster care and adoption at your church. It may be a Sunday morning or it could be an informational meeting at a date convenient for you and interested church members. It is a time for information to be shared, questions to be asked, and for God to move in people's hearts. There may be people in your pews that God is already calling to this mission, but they may not realize it until the need and information is shared.

*Listen*

Hear from adoptive father and senior pastor David Powell, Salem Baptist in Dobson. David and a couple from his church share their hearts about foster and adoption at Salem.



*Give*

Not every church may have couples who are able to foster and/or adopt, but all churches can play an important role. You may want to collect necessities (new clothes, toiletries, school supplies) that can be distributed to foster families who need support. Also, financial gifts to the **EVERY CHILD** initiative ensure boys and girls are able to be placed in the caring, Christian homes they need. Give today by visiting [bchfamily.org/givenow](http://bchfamily.org/givenow)

*Call*

To take the next step that is right for your church, contact Mark Smith, Baptist Children's Homes Foster & Adoption Church Liaison, at 828.450.9136 or [mesmith@bchfamily.org](mailto:mesmith@bchfamily.org)

For more information, videos and resources,  
visit [every-child.org](http://every-child.org)



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