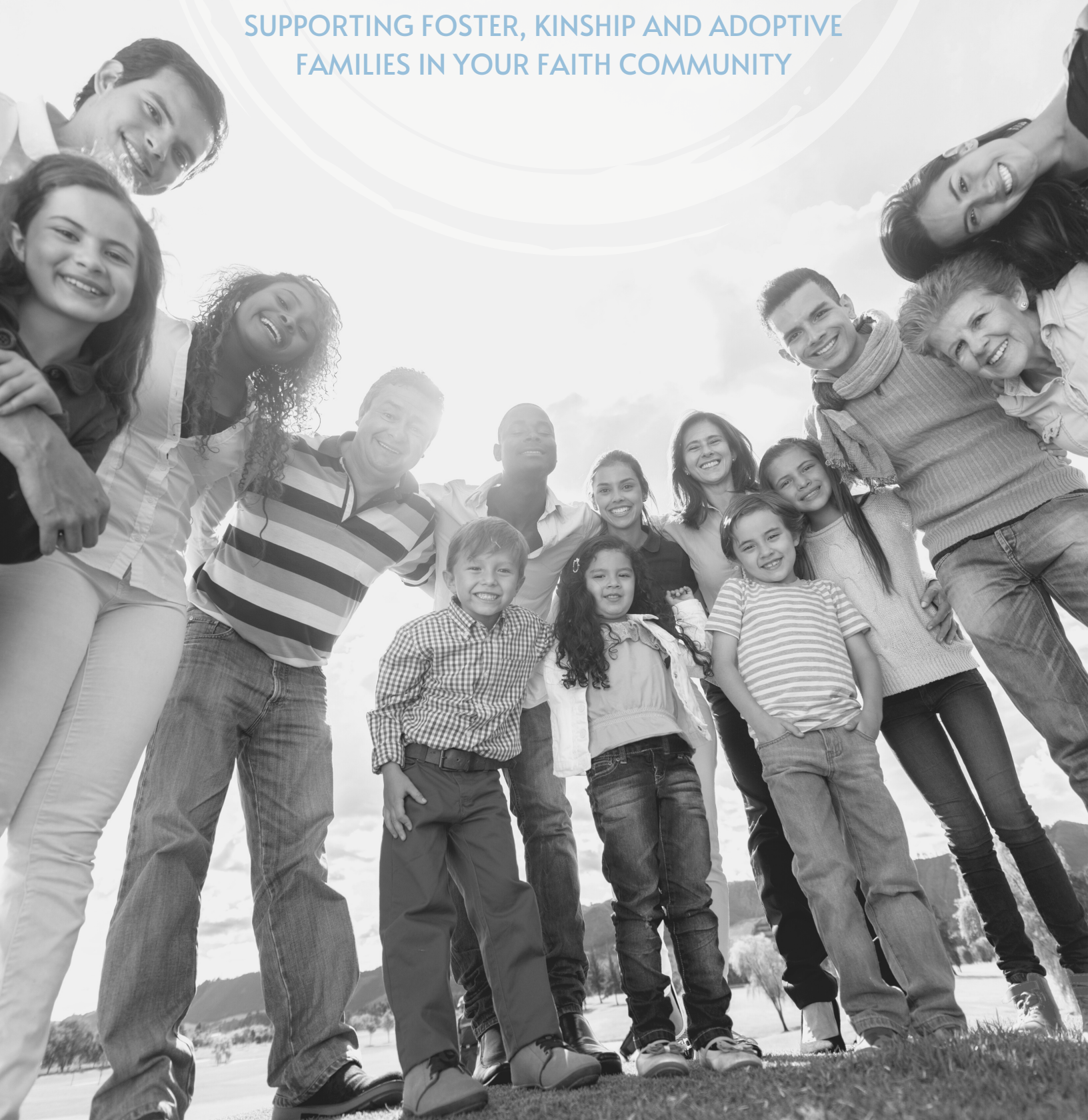




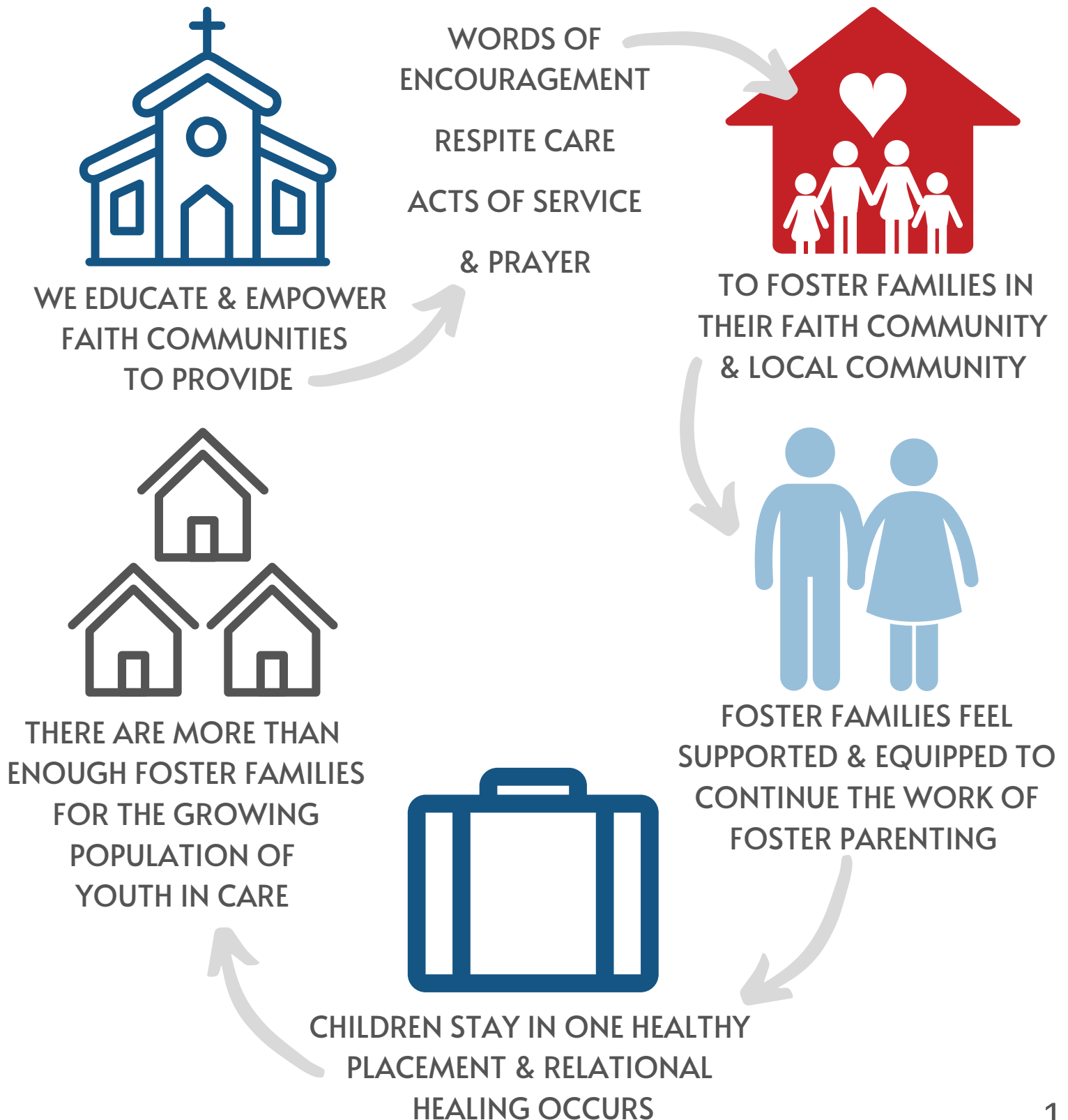
WRAP MINISTRY HANDBOOK

SUPPORTING FOSTER, KINSHIP AND ADOPTIVE
FAMILIES IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY



WRAP MINISTRY

logic model



HOW TO WALK ALONGSIDE FOSTER, KINSHIP AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

"Not everyone is called to foster or adopt, but everyone is called to care."

THE SECRET WEAPON: WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT

Only 50% of foster families last more than a year & only 8% make it past the 5 year mark.

The "wrap-around support model" changes everything. While the model was developed through clinical research, people of faith will recognize it as the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt 12)

REAL LIFE EXAMPLES OF WRAP-AROUND



- A small group painting and prepping a bedroom in advance of a child being placed in a new foster parent's home.
- Buying new clothes for a foster family to hang in their child's room for when they first arrive
- A meal train being orchestrated for a family when they get a placement
- Someone coming by and mowed a family's lawn after a hard week,
- Someone babysitting for their birth kids so a foster mom can bond with her new child
- A friend taking the new child on an outing so the foster family could attend their birth child's sporting events,
- Someone coming over to do laundry, clean the house, spend time praying, and more!

WRAP Ministry Roles

WRAP Ministry Coordinator

- Promote WRAP and recruit new individuals or groups
- Match volunteers with families in need
- Plan and execute volunteer training
- Encourage team leaders to stay engaged and thank them for serving

WRAP Administrative Coordinator

- Maintain a database of volunteers, foster and adoptive families, etc.
- Process and organize WRAP Registration forms
- Send emails for trainings, fellowship, etc
- Secure training details (ie: reserve room or set up online and prepare training folders)
- Confirm background checks and child safety trainings are complete
- Mail team pictures and thank you notes following fellowship

WRAP Fellowship Coordinator

- Plan original fellowship for new WRAP teams
- Consider ongoing fellowship opportunities

Family Team Leader (1 per WRAP team)

- Can be filled by anyone on the team, no matter their role
- Contact foster family weekly to discuss needs and prayer requests
- Email WRAP team and ministry coordinator weekly updates, always offering encouragement for action and gratitude.
- Communicate with WRAP ministry coordinator when a team member is no longer able to serve.

What is WRAP?

Words of encouragement

Text, call & write letters of encouragement to families who are fostering children.

Respice care

Give foster families respite through acts of babysitting, taking children out for playdates, and more.

Acts of service

Providing meals, helping with housework, lawn care, and more.

Prayers

Spending time in intentional prayer for the family and everyone involved in the child's life.



Guidelines for participating in the WRAP Ministry

Fill out the family questionnaire. The WRAP Coordinator will contact you and you will be matched with a WRAP team as soon as one is available. The team commits to loving and serving your family for a minimum of one year from launch date.

We will schedule a one hour adult training and a separate 2 hour potluck fellowship at your request for everyone to meet your family.

Everyone on your WRAP team will be required to complete child safety training and have a background check.

Your family questionnaire will be shared with your WRAP team, but please know that we will guard all confidential information. We only ask for the first names of all children.

Communicate with your Family Team Leader on a regular basis. Your team leader is there to listen and to help keep your team up-to-date on your family needs.

Notify your Family Team Leader if you decide at any time to no longer participate in the ministry or if you have any concerns.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sample Family Questionnaire

We recommend you making your own paper or electronic questionnaire. Many faith communities have a data collecting system and can make forms through their system to make your ministry sustainable and unified. We recommend making the information with * required. Please personalize as appropriate.

**Please complete this survey so we can get to know
your family and best meet your needs.**

Name* _____

DOB* _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Spouse's DOB (if applicable) _____

Anniversary (if applicable) _____

Phone* _____

Address* _____

Email* _____

Preferred form of communication* _____

Are you a member at (faith community name)?* _____

If so, what campus? (as applicable) _____

Are you in a (small group name)?* (Y / N)

If yes, leader name and email: _____

Children: For each child, please list their first name only, gender, DOB, any special needs you would like us to be aware of, specific triggers (i.e. scents, words, food, etc.) and whether they are biological, foster, guardianship/kinship or adopted (domestic, international, foster, or kinship/guardianship) and their favorite things/ activities

Sample Family Questionnaire

Does your family have any food or other severe allergies?* (Y / N)

If yes, specify who and what: _____

Family Make-Up (select all that apply)*

_____ Foster Family (active)

_____ Foster Family (on hold)

_____ Kinship Family

_____ Pre-adoptive Family

_____ Post-adoptive Family

If FOSTERING/PROVIDING KINSHIP CARE:

How long have you been a foster parent? _____

County? _____

Agency? _____

Respite requirements of your agency? _____

Are you certified to take in medically fragile children? (Y / N)

Do you take in sibling sets? _____

What age is your home open to? _____

Who is your main support network? _____

What are some ways respite care would serve your family?

Anything else we should know about your family?

What are some things we can pray for?

Are you willing to mentor another foster family? (Y / N)

Would you like a mentor? (Y / N)

What gaps in resources/ support do you experience that the faith community could help fill? _____

Sample Family Questionnaire

If PRE- OR POST-ADOPTIVE:

Type of adoption(s): Select all that apply

_____ International _____ Domestic
_____ Foster Care _____ Guardianship/ Kinship

In international, what country? _____

Date or projected date of completed adoption? _____

Who is your main support network? _____

What are some ways respite care would serve your family? _____

Anything else we should know about your family? _____

What are some things we can pray for? _____

Are you willing to mentor another adoptive family? (Y / N)

Would you like a mentor? (Y / N)

What gaps in resources/ support do you experience that the faith community could help fill? _____

Please email a family picture to (email address). These will not be used in public without your approval first. We will never post public pictures of foster children.*

Thank you for sharing with us! We will use what you shared to improve the support and training given to foster and adoptive parents. Thank you again for opening your heart and home!

Sample Volunteer Questionnaire

We recommend you making your own paper or electronic questionnaire. Many faith communities have a data collecting system and can make forms through their system to make your ministry sustainable and unified. We recommend making the information with * required. Please personalize as appropriate.



YES! I want to support adoptive and foster children and their families. This is a commitment to loving and serving a (faith community name) family for a minimum of (1 year). Every volunteer is required to be up to date on (kids safety course) training and have a background check. For more info on (kids safety course), go to (link with more info to sign up for the training).

Once the team is formed, we will schedule a 1-hour adult training and a separate 2 hour family potluck lunch and fellowship.

Name* _____
Address* _____
Phone* _____
Email* _____

WRAP Ministry has 4 areas you can serve:

- W | Words of Encouragement – Text, call & write letters of encouragement to foster and adoptive families.
- R | Respite Care – Give foster families respite through acts of babysitting, taking children out for playdates, and more.
- A | Acts of Service – Providing meals, helping with housework, lawn care, and more.
- P | Prayer – Spending time in intentional prayer for the foster family you are assigned.

Sample Volunteer Questionnaire

Please check the ONE area of ministry in which you would most like to serve. Choose what you have time and resources to do and where your gifting is. (If electronic, make this a multiple choice option rather than select all.)

- ☐ W - Words of Encouragement
- ☐ R - Respite Care
- ☐ A - Acts of Service
- ☐ P - Prayer

Are you a member at (faith community name)?* (Y / N)

If so, what campus (if applicable)? _____

Do you have a current (small group name)?* (Y / N)

If so, leader name and email _____

Are you willing to invite your (small group) to serve with you on a WRAP team?*

☐ Yes! I will share this with them!

☐ Yes, but I would like someone from the leadership team to share at our group.

☐ Not at this time

Do you have a specific adoptive or foster family you want to serve?* (Y / N)

If so, who? _____

Do you have an age preference of children in the home if you are providing respite care? (Y / N) If so, please specify. _____

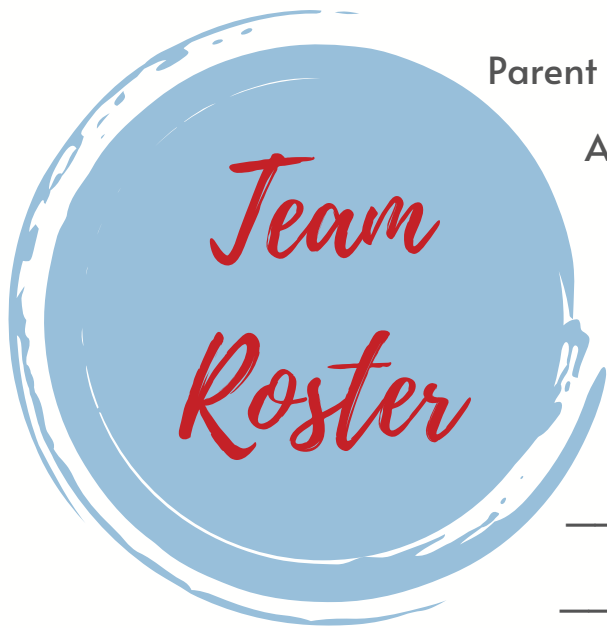
Do you have any medical training or prior experience? (Y / N)

If so, please specify.* _____

Do you have any trauma training or prior experience?* (Y / N)

If so, please specify. _____

Other comments? _____



Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #s: _____

Parent(s) birthday _____

Child(ren) Names / DOB: _____

Team Leader: _____

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

NAME:

PHONE:

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RESPIRE CARE

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Child Information

Child Name

Favorite Things/ Activities

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6

Acts of Service

A short list of ideas to help you get started!

WHEN A CHILD MOVES IN

- Organize meals for the first two weeks
- Provide paper plates, cups and utensils (things are BUSY!)
- Donate socks, underwear, pull-ups, or diapers
- Deliver a basket of pre-packaged snacks
- Prepare a sensory box as a gift for the child/family
- Make a "Cuddle Kit": A new blanket, pillow, and nightlight
- Provide new pajamas, fun toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Organize friends to write cards to welcome child and send in the mail
- Create a welcome basket for the child (coloring book, crayons, a stuffed animal, etc.)
- Monogram a cup, water bottle, blanket, lunch box, etc. with child's name
- Hire a photographer to take a family picture
- Supply scrapbook & materials for child to begin to document new memories and adventures with foster family

WHEN A CHILD MOVES OUT

- Provide new duffel bags, suit cases or storage boxes to help parents pack all the stuff they have accumulated during their time in the family
- Offer to put together an album of pictures for the child to take
- Organize friends and family to write letters for the child to take and open daily as they transition

Acts of Service

A short list of ideas to help you get started!

SEASONAL IDEAS

- Purchase hat, gloves and scarf OR bathing suit, goggle and beach towel for child
- Help with school supplies when kids start back to school
- Help purchase gifts , stocking stuffers, or an ornament with child's name at Christmas
- Offer to host a birthday party for the child

GENERAL IDEAS

- Mow a family's lawn when they get a new placement or are having a hard week
- Prepare activity bags for kids to take to court with them
- Purchase a zoo (or other) membership for the family allowing foster parents to take kids out regularly to have fun together and build rapport
- Donate extra tickets to a local basketball game, football game or concert
- Sponsor a child's extracurricular activity (music lessons, dance, soccer)
- Take one child out at a time to the park or for ice cream to build a relationship with that child and give the parents a short break
- Provide child care for a few hours or pay for a babysitter so parents can have a date night OR offer to help with childcare for mandatory foster parent trainings so parents don't have to pay for a babysitter

Say **THIS** instead of **THIS**

When is your next court date? Can I help with the kids that day?

Let me know when I can help with the kids!

I make a really great chicken soup. Can I bring you dinner on Tuesday or Friday?

You sure have your hands full! Wish I could help somehow.

I love to clean bathrooms. Can I come clean yours this week? What day?

I'd love to help. Call me if there is anything I can do.

We want to give you a date night. What time can we come over on Saturday to watch the kids?

Let us know if there is something we can do to help.

Give these phrases a try when offering to help a foster family!

WRAP Ministry Training

- 1) Welcome and Prayer (consider showing WRAP video if your team members have not seen it)
- 2) 2-3 minute WRAP Testimony (if possible)
- 3) Introductions:
 - Team Members (recognize assigned team leader)
 - WRAP Coordinator(s)
- 4) Foster or Adoptive Family Testimony
- 5) WRAP Training
 - W: Words of Encouragement
 - R: Respite Care
 - A: Acts of Service
 - P: Prayer
- 6) Confidentiality, Safe touch, Brief trauma introduction
- 7) Team Folders/Resources
- 8) Fellowship Coordinator – give fellowship information (date, time, location) and sign up for food menu and activity
- 9) FAQ
- 10) Pray for family as a team



Date: _____
Location: _____
Attending: _____
Allergies: _____



Lasagna or Pasta

Salad

Bread

Dessert

Paper Products
(Cups, Plates, Ice, Utensils)

Drinks

Tea:

Lemonade:

Bottled Water:

Fellowship Games + Activities

Activity (i.e. Play Doh)

Craft

Outdoor or Board Game
