



## **Casting Vision for your Foster Care Ministry in 2020**

### **Components of Foster Care Ministries**

- Leadership Team
- Church and Community Assessment
- Support Groups
- Fellowship
- Trauma-informed Caregivers
- Belong Sunday
- Next Steps Event
- WRAP Teams

### **Sample Discussion Scripts**

- Map of children in custody
- Social Wounds
- "Worthy of Belonging" Video
- Hero, Healer, Helper

- Faith Kit Resources

### **Ministry Timeline**

- Season-by-season
- Weekly Calendar

### **But...? How to handle the “exceptions”**

- We have no foster parents at our church
- Our church is so small
- Our church is so big
- Our congregation is so young
- Our congregation is older
- Our pastor/ministry team is not interested in supporting this
- We are uncomfortable working with DCS
- We have an adoption-specific ministry already
- I can't find anyone else to lead this ministry with me

### **Sample Ministry First Steps**

- Set monthly leadership meeting dates
- Plan to do “something” for May
- Decide on an “end goal” - we want our ministry to look like “this”
- Decide on a timeline - by this “time”
  - For example - In May, we are going to start with a Next Steps lunch on Sunday after church. We will advertise in April, we will have 2 times we are able to give an announcement the 2 weeks leading up to the event.
  - Our end goal for this ministry is to connect foster parents to each other and connect our congregation to foster parents. We will do this in 2 ways. We will offer 2x/month support group for foster parents that will begin in September. We will implement WRAP teams starting in January of next year.

### **My next step for our church -**

Super Short-term (In the next month)

Short-term (by May)

Long-term (by end of year)