

# WRAPAROUND CARE TEAM



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Fostering and Adopting in Faith

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Foster and adoptive families sometimes experience isolation and feel overwhelmed by all of their new responsibilities. These families are doing the important but time-consuming work of bonding and forming attachments, learning about a child's likes and dislikes, taking on multiple appointments with social workers, medical professionals and parent visits. Developing a wraparound care team can support these families, whether they are learning to navigate the changes to their household, or needing support as they continue their foster care and adoption journey. Having a wraparound care team available for those families, praying, providing some respite care and taking tasks off a to-do list is a great help. Things like delivering a weekly meal, picking up a grocery order, providing child care for a date night or pulling together teen-friendly hygiene items remind these families they are not alone as they serve.

Each wraparound care team begins with a resource coordinator, you may have one coordinator for the entire program or a coordinator for each foster/adoptive family within the program. Each coordinator will develop a team of persons who will be responsible for providing the need and/or needed item for the family. The coordinators overall responsibility is to connect with the family to determine their needs, as well as continuing to check in with the families to ensure they are feeling cared for and well supported. Once a coordinator becomes aware of a need they will contact other members of the team and determine who can meet the requested need. The resource coordinator is the main contact person.

Here are some ideas on developing a wraparound care team in your church

- Receive pastoral approval
- Identify a coordinator(s) for the care team(s) who will be the primary point of contact.
- Reach out to foster and adoptive parents within your church and discuss their needs
- Determine which identified needs the care team can provide
- Make a wraparound plan that will provide **support** to interested families
- Create a database or email string of persons within the care team who are willing to be contacted when a need arises

Types of support

- Prayer Support
  - Pray for the family by name
  - Send encouraging notes to the family
  - Set up a weekly prayer call for/with the family

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- Childcare Support
  - Arrange and supervise playdates
  - Provide transportation to and from school, visitation and other activities
  - Provide respite care over the weekend or for an evening out
- Meal Support
  - Organize a meal calendar
  - Provide a meal or gift cards
  - Pick up groceries
- Hands on Support
  - Gather Supplies (diapers, wipes, clothing, bedding)
  - Furniture set up (cribs, bunk beds, chairs)
  - Laundry
  - Home repairs
  - Yard work
  - Re-organizing pantries and closet's

Here are additional ideas in how to support foster and adoptive families:  
[Supporting Foster & Adoptive Families](#)

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