



Project 1.27

Fostering and Adopting in Faith

Welcome to the Project 1.27 Foster and Adoptive Parent Info Night

We are excited you have joined us tonight. Our mission is to inspire, recruit and resource churches and families to foster and adopt children within our state who need the love and care of a family. Tonight, we will share how Project 1.27 can support you with Christian values and insights for your foster and adoptive parenting journey.

Documents include:

- **Information Handouts**
- **PowerPoint Presentation Slides**
- **Commitment Forms**
 - Commitment Form
 - Participant Covenant
 - Statement of Faith
 - Confidentiality Agreement
 - Media Release Waiver
 - Agency Release

We encourage you to take notes and use the chat feature to ask questions. We'll take time to answer your questions at the end of the evening.

If you decide to pursue foster and adoptive parenting through Project 1.27, use the link provided to fill out and submit the Commitment Forms and pay the \$100 Administrative Fee online.

You can also print and send the Commitment Forms with \$100 to the address listed below or email them to Karen Williams at kwilliams@project127.com. We will send you a link to the application packet.

Thank you for joining us in realizing our vision of a family waiting for every child.

Sincerely,

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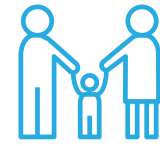
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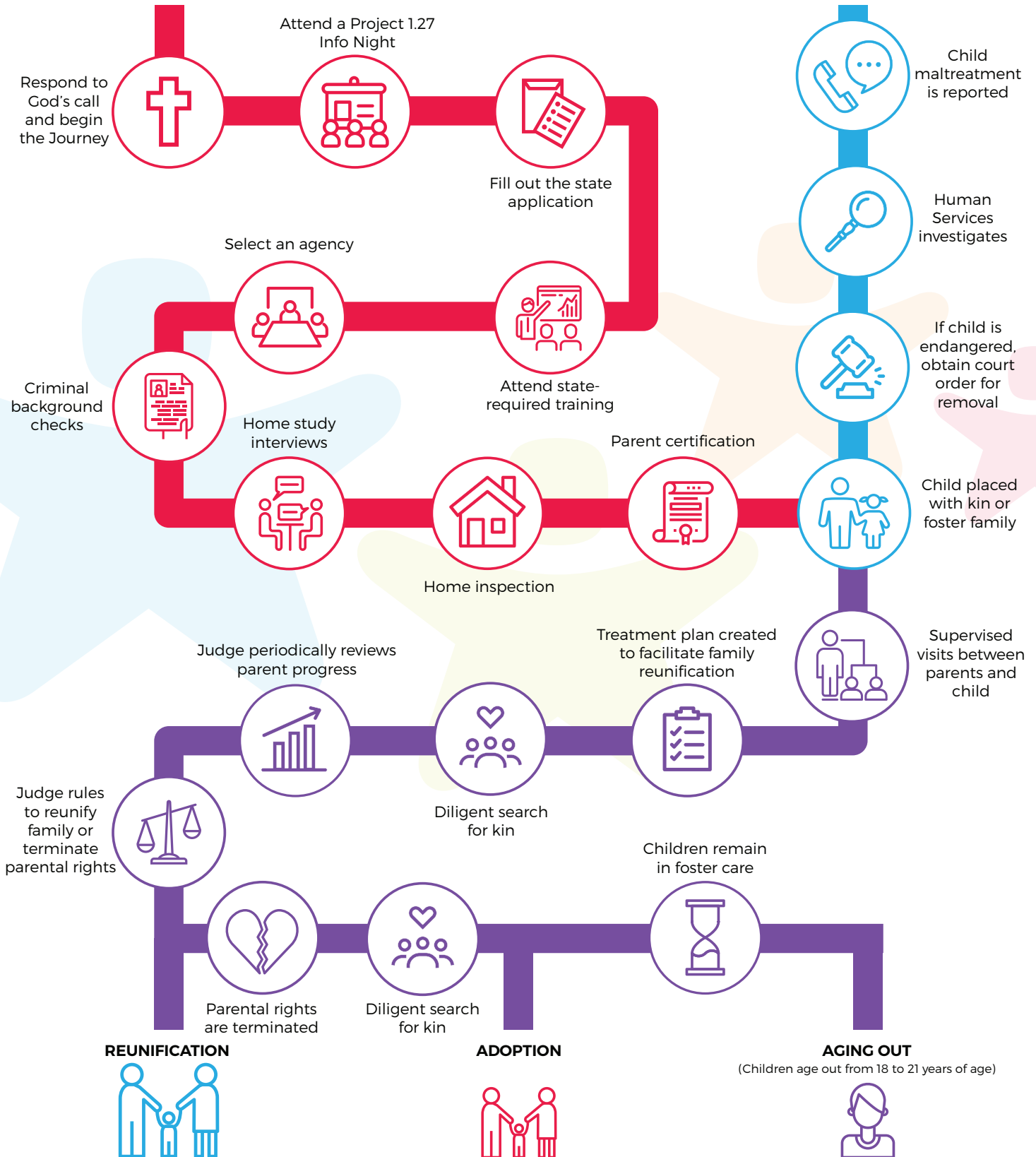


THE FOSTER CARE JOURNEY



FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS

FAMILY IN CRISIS



EMPOWERED

To Connect

Ten Questions for Parents Preparing to Adopt or Foster

We believe it is critically important that parents who are preparing to adopt or foster a child must be honest and realistic about the journey and the challenges that lie ahead. Just as Jesus in Luke 14 challenged those who would follow him to 'count the cost,' so too parents who respond to God's call to adopt or foster must be willing to count the cost of the adoption journey and prepare to "lay down their lives" to love their child and help him or her become all that God intends.

The following questions are designed to help parents (and parents-to-be) begin to honestly assess the journey ahead...and what it will require. We encourage you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider these questions. They are not meant to scare you or in any way discourage you from continuing on this amazing path. Instead, our desire is simply that these questions will point you toward the hope and help that you need to form a strong and lasting connection with your child as you faithfully follow God's call in your life.

- 1. Are you willing to acknowledge and fully embrace your child's history, including that which you know and that which you will likely never know?*
- 2. Are you willing to accept that your child has been affected by his/her history, possibly in profound ways, and as a result that you will need to parent your child in a way that exhibits true compassion and promotes connection and healing?*
- 3. Are you willing to parent differently than how you were parented, how you have parented in the past, or how your friends parent their children? Are you willing to "un-learn" certain parenting strategies and approaches that may not be effective with your child, even if you have used these strategies and approaches successfully with your other children in the past?*
- 4. Are you willing to educate yourself, your parents, family and friends on an ongoing basis in order to promote understanding of your child's needs and how best to meet those needs?*

5. *Are you willing to be misunderstood, criticized and even judged by others who do not understand your child's history, the impacts of that history and how you have been called to love and connect with your child in order to help him/her heal and become all that God intends?*

6. *Are you prepared to advocate for your child's needs, including at school, church, in extracurricular settings and otherwise, in order to create predictability and promote environments that enable your child to feel safe and allow him/her to succeed?*

7. *Are you willing to sacrifice your own convenience, expectations and desires in order to connect with your child and help him/her heal, even if that process is measured in years, not months?*

8. *Are you willing to fully embrace your child's holistic needs, including his/her physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs?*

9. *Are you willing to seek ongoing support and maintain long-term connections with others who understand your journey and the challenges that you face? Are you willing to intentionally seek and accept help when you encounter challenges with your child that you are not equipped to adequately deal with?*

10. *Are you willing to acknowledge that you as a parent bring a great deal to the equation when it comes to how your child will attach and connect? Are you willing to honestly examine (on an ongoing basis) your motivations and expectations relating to your adoption journey? Are you willing to look at your own past (including your past losses and trauma, both big and small) and consider how your past may impact your interactions with your child? Are you willing to consistently examine your role as parent as you experience challenges and difficulties along the journey?*

As you read through the above questions, you may have concluded that some of the questions didn't apply to you and your situation? That may be the case to some extent, as every adoption and foster care experience is unique. However, we encourage you to spend some time reading and talking with other experienced adoptive and foster parents about what you should realistically expect as you travel this journey. We find that parents sometimes start with less than accurate assumptions about how the adoption or foster care journey will unfold, and as a result they are more likely to form unrealistic expectations. We believe that these questions are helpful and instructive for *all* parents considering or pursuing adoption and foster care, and we hope that as you work through them they will lead you toward greater insight and understanding.

TIPS FOR SUPPORTING KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

There are many ways in which you can promote quality foster care for children in need of homes. Here are a few:

IF YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES

- Learn the facts about children in foster care [throughout the U.S.](#)
- Visit [Adopt Colorado Kids](#) or the [National Heart Gallery](#) to pray for one waiting child
- Learn more about what it takes to be a [foster parent in Colorado](#) or [Nationally](#)
- Thank a foster family and pray for them
- Like Project 1.27 on [Facebook](#)
- [Contact a Parent Support Group](#) about providing snacks for one of their meetings
- Make a financial contribution to a foster care organization (You might consider [Project 1.27](#))
- Wear a blue ribbon during May and be ready to explain what it stands for: Foster Care Month
- Wear a purple ribbon during November and be ready to explain what it stands for: Adoption Month

IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS

- Mentor a young person in foster care – [‘CHOICE’ program](#)
- Host coffee and doughnuts for county caseworkers
- Share a meal or a gift card with a foster family
- Help prepare the home of a family anticipating a new placement
- Fill a backpack for a child entering foster care (in Colorado through [Packs of Hope](#))

IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME

- [Become a foster parent or respite care provider](#)
- Volunteer with [Royal Family Kid’s Camps](#)
- Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate ([CASA](#))
- Organize a foster/adoption ministry
 - mrobinson@project1.27.com
 - lmarshall@project1.27.com (Western slope)
 - jrowland@project1.27.com (National Inquiries)
- Join a foster family’s [Support Team](#)

WHY SUPPORT PROJECT 1.27?



100,000 foster kids in the U.S. are waiting for permanent families. Think about it- that's enough kids to fill two baseball stadiums with kids in desperate need of safety, care and love. And, there are 400,000 abused and neglected kids in the U.S. foster care system in need of great foster parents.

Project 1.27 recruits and resources families to foster and adopt by providing high-quality training and guidance so families have the knowledge and support to successfully parent kids from hard places.

Why is a permanent family so important for kids in foster care?

Each year 26,000 kids age-out of foster care without a family. They often experience very poor outcomes at a high cost to society. Did you know?



71% of young women will be pregnant by age 21



One in five will be homeless



One in four young men will be involved in the justice system within two years



At age 24, **half** will be unemployed



Only **58%** will graduate from high school by age 19

How does Project 1.27 make a difference?

340+ Kids adopted into Project 1.27 families

800+ Kids cared for by Project 1.27 foster families

Why should you support Project 1.27's mission?

It costs about \$3,000 to recruit, train and support one Project 1.27 family. Cost to each family- \$100. Project 1.27 provides these services without state or federal support, allowing us to work with churches, counties and private agencies. Project 1.27 depends on caring individuals, foundations, businesses and churches so there is never a financial barrier for families.

One child aging out of the foster care system without the support of a permanent family costs society \$300,000!

How can you be involved?

- Sponsor Project 1.27's **Take a Seat at the Kids Table** event
- Donate goods and services for **Take a Seat at the Kids Table** silent auction
- Give a financial gift so families can be recruited and trained
- Share Project 1.27's mission with your friends, family and business partners

Give the Gift of Family-Support Project 1.27 today!
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Giving More Back to the Community!

What is Community Rewards?

King Soopers Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Plus Card! King Soopers Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your SooperCard (or enter Alt ID)!

Now you can help support Project 1.27 by making use of King Soopers Community Rewards!

Instructions for linking your King Soopers SooperCard to Project 1.27:

1. Visit www.kingsoopers.com
2. Sign in or create an account
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on King Soopers Community Rewards
4. Click on the link that says "Enroll Now"
5. Use the search box to enter Project 1.27
6. Click on Enroll
7. You are ready to go!

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program. It takes approximately 10 days for the King Soopers Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.

Share this flyer with family and friends who use King Soopers to shop! It costs nothing to sign up and every purchase helps support Project 1.27.



Support Project 1.27 by signing up for Amazon Smile

About AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

How to Sign up

If you shop on Amazon already, it's easy to support Project 1.27 with each purchase. It only takes a few minutes to set up. If you type in the word 'smile' before Amazon.com, you will be brought to the same Amazon site, but on the fundraising side.

The first time you go to the 'smile' site, you will be asked to choose the organization that you wish to support. Search for Project 1 27 and click on Select. Alternatively, you can use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3341511>. Once you sign into your account it will ask if you would like to make Project 1 27 your AmazonSmile account.

After selecting Project 1.27, just use Amazon like you always have. Everything is exactly the same. (Change your bookmark so it will take you to the Smile site. We only get credit if you order from the Smile side. It must say 'smile.amazon.com' every time.)

Do you have family and friends that wouldn't mind taking a minute and choosing Project 1.27? It costs the purchaser nothing but benefits Project 1.27.

Project 1.27 will receive a check from AmazonSmile quarterly which will include the donations given by purchases given over that time period.

Thank you for supporting Project 1.27!