



Wraparound Care Team

Kinship, foster, and adoptive families can sometimes experience isolation and feel overwhelmed by their new responsibilities. These families are doing the essential but time-consuming work of bonding and forming attachments, learning about a child's likes and dislikes, and taking on multiple appointments with social workers, medical professionals, and parent visits. Developing a wraparound care team of volunteers from your congregation can provide caring, tailored support to 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, your church can be their first ring of support surrounding them.

Having a wraparound care team available, praying, providing some respite care, and taking tasks off a to-do list offer the much-needed support a kinship, foster, and adoptive family needs to give attention to the children in their home. Things like delivering a weekly meal, picking up a grocery order, providing childcare 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 for the entire program or each family served. The coordinator will develop a team responsible for serving the family's needs. The coordinator's overall responsibility is to act as the primary contact person, connect with the family to determine their needs, and continue checking in with the families to ensure they feel cared for and well-supported.

Here are some steps for 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 to gauge interest in participation 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



- **PRAYER SUPPORT** Pray for the family by name
- Send encouraging notes to the family
- Set up a weekly prayer call for/with the family

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
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- **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 or yardwork
- Re-organizing pantries and closets

Project 1.27 staff are available to help you set up a Wraparound Care Team ministry for kinship, foster, and adoptive families in your church and community. For more information on the next steps, contact info@project127.org.