Getting Started
A Guide to Educating & Engaging Your Faith Community in Foster Care

Thank you so much for involving your faith community in the movement to care for children in foster care, as well as birth and foster families. We know this subject can seem intimidating at times, so our goal is to equip you with everything you need to inspire and mobilize your congregation. The following is an overview of resources you’ll find in this kit to host a Mother’s Day sermon (or series) around this issue:

1. “Worthy of Belonging” Video – Foster Care Introduction
   This video utilizes the voice and “story” of a child in foster care to introduce the needs of the foster care system, as well as the negative outcomes of life without a family.

2. “What Does Family Mean to You?” – Video
   This video features several children who are currently available for adoption and awaiting their forever families. AKB creates hundreds of videos each year for children just like those featured, and churches like yours help make sure their future families see their stories.

3. “Say Yes” Video – Wrap Around Ministry Introduction
   Many churches already have existing ministries for global orphan care and other related issues. We are inviting churches to expand their view of what orphan care looks like by supporting the families who care for one of our nation’s most vulnerable populations – children in foster care. This video is a creative introduction to what a Wrap Around ministry can look like and how it can serve both children in foster care, and the families caring for them.

4. Mother’s Day Sermon
   Included is a pre-written sermon for you for inspiration and talking points, or to serve as your sermon guide on Mother’s Day as you highlight the needs within the foster care system.

5. How to Start a Wrap Around Ministry Document
   Launching a new ministry can be an intimidating thing. This document provides numerous examples of ways the Church can tangibly wrap around foster, birth and at-risk families, as well as steps to implement this model in your faith community.

6. America’s Kids Belong Logo (.png)
   Should you wish to include information about America’s Kids Belong, in any print or digital forms, this logo is available for your use.

   Thank you once again for answering the call to care for children in foster care. We are thrilled by all the potential this work has to stretch, transform, and unite your church.

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