

Foster Care & Adoption

Description

Supports families and churches involved in fostering or adopting children, while raising awareness of the needs of vulnerable kids.

Annotated Books & Readings

Purvis, K., Cross, D., & Sunshine, W. (2007). The connected child: Bring hope and healing to your adoptive family . McGraw-Hill.

Trauma-informed strategies (TBRI) for parents and churches supporting foster/adoptive families.

URL: <https://child.tcu.edu/resources/#sthash.5WeLMqnY.dpbs>

Purvis, K., & Qualls, L. (2020). The connected parent: Real-life strategies for building trust and attachment. Harvest House Publishers.

Provides practical advice and powerful tools to encourage secure attachment in your family.

URL: <https://www.harvesthousepublishers.com/books/connected-parent-9780736978927>

Finn, J. (2022). Foster the family: Encouragement, hope, and practical help for the Christian foster parent. Baker Books.

Provides encouragement and direction from God's word.

URL: https://bakerpublishinggroup.com/products/9781540901866_foster-the-family

Movies / Documentaries

Instant Family (2018).

Hollywood film inspired by foster-to-adopt experiences; accessible entry point for congregations.

URL: <https://www.paramount.com/movies/instant-family>

ReMoved (2013).

Short film dramatizing the experience of foster children; widely used for training and awareness.

URL: <https://removedfilm.myshopify.com/>

Best Practices / Toolkits

- CAFO Trauma-Informed Church Toolkit

URL: <https://cafo.org/trauma-informed-church-toolkit/>

- Empowered to Connect — Free Digital Downloads

URL: <https://empoweredtoconnect.org/downloads-2/>

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network: Resources

URL: <https://www.nctsn.org/resources>

- Adoption Network — Knowledge Bank

URL: <https://adoptionnetwork.com/knowledge-hub/>

Nazarene Resources

- NCM: Foster Care & Adoption
URL: <https://www.ncm.org>

Regional Resources (New England)

- MA: Dept. of Children & Families (DCF) — Foster Care
URL: <https://www.mass.gov/foster-care>
- RI: Dept. of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) — Foster Care & Adoption
URL: <https://dcyf.ri.gov/services/foster-care-adoption>
- CT: Dept. of Children & Families (DCF) — Foster Care and Adoption
URL: <https://portal.ct.gov/dcf/foster-care-and-adoption>
- NH: Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) — Foster Care
URL: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/child-protection-juvenile-justice/foster-care>
- VT: Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) — Adoption, Foster & Kinship Care
URL: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/dcf/fsd/care>

National / Equity & Justice Resources

- Casey Family Programs — Keeping Children Safe with Families
URL: <https://www.casey.org/>
- Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
URL: <https://www.davethomasfoundation.org>