



One Church, One Child
of Oklahoma

The Pastor~The Church

Throughout history, the African-American church has maintained the reputation of being the most trusted and respected institution in the African-American community.

The One Church, One Child program is dependent on the Pastor's advocacy and support of the program by:

- Being receptive to hosting a One Church, One Child presentation during an appropriate worship service meeting.
- Endorsing the program from the pulpit.
- Networking with other pastors and churches in the state to promote the mission and objectives of the One Church, One Child program.
- Offering encouragement and support to the families in the church congregation who make the commitment to adopt or foster a child.
- Appointing a One Church, One Child liaison from the congregation that will be responsible for providing the pastor and church with recruitment supplies and post adoption and foster care support information.





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Accept the Challenge... Make a difference in the life of a child



Our Mission

The mission of One Church, One Child of Oklahoma is to inform the community of the need for foster/adoptive homes and identify families interested in adopting or fostering, specifically African-American children.

One Church, One Child of Oklahoma is a nationally recognized nonprofit special recruitment program designed to find foster and adoptive homes for children. We provide an organized method of reaching out to the community through churches and other organizations to explain the needs of children in the child welfare system who have been abused and neglected.

The One Church, One Child method of recruitment offers a simple challenge to faith based and community organizations to assist in identifying from it's membership at least one family that is willing to become a foster/adoptive parent.

The Oklahoma One Church, One Child program is governed by an interdenominational ministerial Board of Directors, in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services.

Bridge Resource Family Requirements

- Have the ability to love, understand, care for and accept a child to whom they did not give birth.
- Be at least 21 years of age and preferably no more than 55 years older than the child considered for placement.
- Applicants and each household member, 18 years of age or older, must submit fingerprints for a state and national criminal history records search.
- Submit to a search of all OKDHS records, including Child Welfare records.
- Ensure that no household member has a prior conviction of any sexual offense.
- Attend 27 hours of pre-service training.
- Have sufficient income to meet current expenses.
- Be in good physical and mental health to provide for the needs of the child – physical exam is required.
- Be legal residents.
- Have a working vehicle and a telephone.
- Provide sufficient beds and bedrooms for additional children.
- May be married, single, legally separated or divorced.
- Provide information for a family assessment – home study.

A Bridge Resource Family

is a family who may be asked:

- To provide temporary care, love and nurturance to the child and serve as a mentor actively helping the parent improve their ability to safely care for their children while staying connected and assisting in the transition to reunification, legal guardianship, or adoption to another family; and/or
- To serve as the legal guardian for the child while maintaining a child's connection to kin, culture and community; and/or
- To adopt the child while maintaining a child's connection to kin, culture and community.

