



Building Our
Communities,
One Family
At A Time



The Program

One Church, One Child is incorporated in the state of Oklahoma as a nonprofit, 501(C)(3) charitable organization. The program is a special nationally recognized recruitment and licensed child-placing service designed to identify prospective homes for children in the state of Oklahoma child welfare system. One Church, One Child provides an organized method of reaching out to the community through churches and community organizations to explain the adoption and foster care needs of children, specifically African-American children.

The Oklahoma program is modeled after One Church, One Child of Illinois which was founded in 1980 by Father George Clements, who was at that time pastor of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Chicago.

The One Church, One Child Board of Directors and the One Church, One Child staff are committed and dedicated to carrying out the mission of the program on behalf of children who desire stability and permanency in the state of Oklahoma.

The program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Welfare Services in partnership with the One Church, One Child Board of Directors.



**Child Welfare
Services**

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

Foster care is a temporary placement for children needing out-of-home care due to abuse or neglect. Foster families provide a safe and nurturing home and are committed to working with birth families to reunite children with their parents when it is safe.

WHAT IS ADOPTION?

Although our hope is that every child can be reunited with their biological family, sometimes that is not possible and we will need to help the child find a permanent home with another family. All children deserve to have a family from whom they can receive unconditional love and support. One Church, One Child will assist you and your family on a successful journey through adoption.

WHAT WILL YOU BE ASKED TO DO?

Provide temporary care, love and nurturing to a child and serve as a mentor, actively helping parents improve their ability to safely care for their children.

Stay connected and assist in the transition to reunification, legal guardianship or adoption to another family.

AS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO:

Provide lifetime care and a forever family, providing for all of the legal, educational and medical needs, etc., as you would a child you gave birth to.

You may also be encouraged to maintain the child's connection to kin, culture and community, when possible.

Foster Care And Adoption



Pure, unstained religion, according to God our Father, is to take care of orphans and widows when they suffer, and to remain uncorrupted by this world.

James 1:27

OUR MISSION

To inform the community of the need for foster and adoptive homes, and to identify families interested in adopting or fostering children, specifically African-American children.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- You must have the ability to love, understand, care for and accept a child to whom you did not give birth.
- You can be single, married, separated or divorced.
- You must be at least 21 years of age.
- You may own or rent your home.
- You must have the ability to manage personal and household financial needs without relying on the foster care reimbursements.
- You must have a working vehicle and phone.
- All members of the household who are 18 years of age or older, must submit to background checks including child welfare records and fingerprints.
- You must provide appropriate sleeping arrangements for each child placed.
- You must be willing to attend and complete 27 hours of training.

FRIENDS OF OCOC:

More opportunities for you to support One Church, One Child.

- Pray
- Mentor/tutor a child
- Volunteer
- Encourage your church to sponsor a monthly support group
- “Be the Voice”- Share the knowledge and resources that One Church, One Child offers
- Offer encouragement and support to those individuals in your congregation who are foster parents or those who have adopted a child
- Make a monthly and /or yearly financial commitment to: One Church, One Child of Oklahoma, 3129 N. Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111
- Federal employees can donate annually through the combined federal campaign to OCOC – cfc# 71572

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