CROSSCHURCH FOSTER AND ADOPTION MINISTRY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CCFAM AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, SCAN THIS CODE OR GO TO CROSSCHURCH.COM/CCFAM.



PARTNERSHIPS -



Connected Foster Care and Adoptions *fully licensed adoption and foster care agency* **arkansasfamilies.org**



Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes providing a safe, secure home for children and families arkansasfamilies.org



Project Zero

promoting adoption through foster care with the goal of finding a forever family for all waiting children

theprojectzero.org



CASA

training court-appointed advocates for foster children casaforchildren.org



The CALL

training for foster and adoptive families, volunteers, and the church **thecallinarkansas.org**

WHAT WE DO

- Training, Licensing, and Trauma-Informed Education through our partnership with CONNECTED
- Compassion NWA free clothing for new foster family placements
- Meals for new foster family placements
- iFeed1 International Sponsorship of Orphans for care and education
- Host The CALL PRIDE and CEU training sessions
- Host Project Zero Heart Gallery
- Host Project Zero events
- Host CASA training

To find out more about what we do and how you can get involved, email us at somerc@crosschurch.com.

FACTS ABOUT FOSTER CARE

- Children are placed in foster care due to abuse, neglect, or other unsafe conditions in their home.
- Children leave foster care by: being reunited with their birth families, being adopted, or aging out.
- Foster families provide a temporary, healthy, loving home for children in foster care.
- Foster families choose the age range, gender, and special needs of children they accept into their home.
- Foster families are especially needed for teens, sibling groups, newborns, and children with special medical needs.
- Statewide there are 4,571 children in foster care and 1,700 foster families. In NWA there are 451 kids in foster care and 214 foster families.

FACTS ABOUT ADOPTION

- There is no cost to adopt a child through the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Visit **theprojectzero.org** to see profiles and photos of children waiting for adoptive families.
- We now have 298 kids waiting for adoption in Arkansas.
- Adoptive families are especially needed for teens, sibling groups, newborns, and children with special needs.

OPEN YOUR HOME TO FOSTER CARE / ADOPTION

The process of opening your home to adopt generally takes 3-6 months. CONNECTED and The CALL are two organizations that work to mobilize Christian families to foster or adopt in Arkansas. They will both guide you through the steps to opening your home and CONNECTED can take you all the way to finalization of the adoption process.

TO BEGIN THE PROCESS

God wants for your family.

You can attend an informational meeting of CONNECTED or The CALL to explore what God may have for YOU to do in the life of a child in foster care.

Both organizations host informational meetings which give you an overview of the process, answer questions, and start the paperwork process. CONNECTED is a licensed adoption agency and can take care of the whole process from beginning to the placement of the child

Check out these websites for info: arkansasfamilies.org thecallinarkansas.org/nwa

JAMES 1:27 "Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."

LET US CONNECT YOU

To get started, email Somer Colbert at **somerc@crosschurch.com** to answer questions, provide next steps, to connect you with other foster and adoptive families at Cross Church!