

ADOPTION



Adoption is taking responsibility to provide a child with love, stability and a permanent home.

The child becomes yours, just as if he or she was born to you. Adoption provides an



opportunity to raise a child in your image. For the child, it provides reassurance that

there will be someone to count on—to support his or her dreams of achieving a successful and bright future.



*All children
want, need and deserve
loving parents.*



What does it take to adopt a child from care?

Adoption is a major decision, but it's not difficult. The process of adopting a child from foster care simply requires completing a parenting course and a home study which can usually be completed in less than eight months.

While private adoption may cost thousands, there is no cost to adopt a child that is currently in foster care. Depending on the child(ren) you adopt, both financial and medical assistance may be available.

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must be able to provide for the basic needs of your family.
- You do not need to own your home.
- You can work full-time.
- You can have other biological, adopted or foster children.
- You can be married or single.

Foster care is temporary care of children until they are reunited with their families.



OUR PROGRAM

ONE CHURCH ONE CHILD OF FLORIDA

is a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors appointed by the Governor and works in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families and its Community-Based Care Lead Agencies. One Church One Child of Florida seeks prospective adoptive families for children in state care.

Our mission is to increase permanency for children. We accomplish this mission by:

- Raising awareness of the need for adoptive homes for Florida's waiting children
- Engaging the faith community to partner in outreach to families and support for children
- Referring families for adoption/foster care training, preparation and approval of licensure
- Linking children to churches to ensure lifelong family connections
- Involving children in the One Church One Child Kids Club

Most waiting children are over 8 years old; many are members of sibling groups



Over 50% of the children waiting are minorities



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Finding ONE FAMILY

in EACH CHURCH

to ADOPT ONE CHILD.

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Since 1988



Linking Partnerships for Children



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"Increasing permanency for Florida's Children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and support for families."

Intervention Prevention

Adoption Promotion



Support for Families