Foster Care & Adoption Resources

Books & Online Resources

Until Every Child Is Home: Why the Church Can and Must Care for Orphans (Book) Todd R. Chipman

Until Every Child is Home on Amazon

"Discover how orphan care transforms 6 key aspects of your ministry, meet dozens of families and churches who have experienced the transformative power of orphan care, and learn how you can get involved even if you're not ready to foster or adopt."

Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families and Churches (Book) Russell D. Moore

Adopted for Life on Amazon

"Moore, who adopted two boys from Russia and has spoken widely on the subject, writes for couples considering adoption, families who have adopted children, and pastors who wish to encourage adoption."

The Connected Child (Book) Karen Purvis

The Connected Child on Amazon

"The Connected Child provides the parents of adopted at-risk children easy to follow practical advice on how to handle behavior problems in a calm, gentle, effective manner."

Love Me, Feed Me: The Adoptive Parent's Guide to Ending the Worry About Weight, Picky Eating, Power Struggles and More (Book)
Katja Rowell

Love Me, Feed Me on Amazon

"Love Me, Feed Me is a relationship-building, practical guide to help fostering and adoptive families enjoy family meals and raise children who eat a variety of foods and grow to have the body that is right for them. Grounded in science, but made real with the often heart-breaking and inspiring words of parents who have been there..."

The Primal Wound: Understanding the Adopted Child (Book)

Nancy Newton Varrier

The Primal Wound on Amazon

"The Primal Wound is a book which is revolutionizing the way we think about adoption. In its application of information about pre- and perinatal psychology, attachment, bonding, and loss, it clarifies the effects of separation from the birth mother on adopted children. In addition, it gives those children, whose pain has long been unacknowledged or misunderstood, validation for their feelings, as well as explanations for their behavior."

Chocolate Hair Vanilla Care: A Parent's Guide to Beginning Natural Hair Styling (Book) Rory Mullen

Chocolate Hair Vanilla Care on Amazon

"Chocolate Hair Vanilla Care: A Parent's Guide to Beginning Natural Hair Styling covers basic hairstyles and techniques, from learning to part naturally curly hair to styling cornrows and twists. If you are a transracial adoptive parent, a parent of a biracial child, or a caregiver to a young one with kinky-curly hair, this book is everything you need to start a hairstyling routine with your child."

Beyond Consequences (Online Resource)

Website: https://www.beyondconsequences.com/

Providing support for parents, professionals, and schools who have or work with children with severe behaviors.

- An online resource including articles, videos, audios, and daily reflections
- Offers a free online support group which includes an application process
- The website also includes additional resources for purchase

Confessions of an Adoptive Parent (Blog)

Website: https://confessionsofanadoptiveparent.com/

Mike and Kristin Berry strive to encourage moms and dads along this unique journey of foster and adoptive parenting and provide resources to help you become a better parent.

Empowered to Connect (Online Resource)

Website: https://empoweredtoconnect.org/

Empowered to Connect (ETC) is an attachment rich community-focused program that exists to support, resource, and educates caregivers. ETC's resources and training are especially helpful for caregivers of children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), toxic stress, and maltreatment. We fundamentally believe that every human being has a great capacity to grow and overcome adversity when cared for in supportive, connected and nurturing environments

Focus on the Family (Online Resource)

Website: https://www.focusonthefamily.com/

Focus on the Family's outreach has grown to include a wide variety of broadcasts, podcasts, telecasts, films, websites, blogs, and radio drama programs. These outlets feature information, guidance and practical insights on everything from adoption to marriage to media discernment to pastoral concerns. Learn more about ministries below.

Family Life Today (Online Resource) Website: https://www.familylife.com/

Family Life's mission is to effectively develop godly marriages and families who change the world one home at a time. Real families are busy. So Family Life creates resources and events that deal directly with your home's spiritual power source and the complex inner workings of your family. Family Life Today provides resources such as articles, radio programs, small group studies, and informational events.

Adoption Learning Partners Website: https://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org/

Adoption Learning Partners offer an array of interactive, e-learning courses that are designed to increase each person's understanding of the joys and challenges of adoption. Throughout their site, they offer downloads of articles and papers you may find interesting. They also have a community forum - it's there for you to be able to interact with others who are on this journey as well.

Christian Alliance for Orphans (Online Resources) Website: https://cafo.org/

CATO and more specifically their <u>foster movement portion of their website</u> is an excellent resource to be informed and educated on the current foster care situation across the nation as well as directions on how to be involved in foster care in different capacities.

Support Services

Chosen Ministries @ Alliance Bible Fellowship

Contact information: Mike and Karen Kimbro - abfchosenministry@gmail.com

The Chosen Ministry at Alliance seeks to provide support for adoptive and foster families, as well as equip people with resources and training if they are interested in adopting and fostering. Chosen Ministry does this through a variety of means, including training workshops, mentors and small groups. Financial support may also be available.

Hollyhock Counseling

Hollyhock Counseling And Assessment Services, Pllc is a Mental Health Clinic in Boone, North Carolina. Mental health clinics provide diagnostic, treatment, and prescriptive services related to mental and behavioral disorders. Hollyhock is experienced in providing services for foster care and adoption families.

Contact information: Kate Kishman (828-212-8220) Counseling@hollyhockcounseling.org

895 State Farm Rd Ste 507, Boone, North Carolina

Guardian Ad Litem Information

A Guardian ad Litem (GAL) is a trained volunteer who is appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of an abused or neglected child. In court, the GAL serves as an important voice for the child. Valerie Daniels can provide current information on matching your foster or adoptive child with a GAL as appropriate.

Contact information: <u>Valerie.R.Daniels@nccourts.org</u>

Crossnore School & Children's home

The mission of Crossnore School & Children's Home Foster Care and Adoptions is to license and supervise single-family foster homes and therapeutic foster homes. They also partner with the counties they serve to effectively and efficiently recruit for and match children who desire to be adopted with qualified loving families. Crossnore is happy to provide assistance and resources for foster care families in Watauga and surrounding counties.

Contact information: (828) 733-4305 info@crossnore.org

Physical Resources

Greenway Baptist Church Food Pantry

Website: https://www.greenwaybaptist.com/food-pantry

The Food Pantry is located in the east wing of the main church building. It is open Thursdays from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. Please do not arrive on campus until 9:45 am. We are a self-choice pantry, meaning the guest is able to choose up to 15 items for their family. Guests are able to shop weekly as needed.

Contact information: <u>Greenwayfoodpantry@gmail.com</u> 828-264-7750

High Country Children's Closet

facebook.com/highcountrychildrenscloset - 520 Church Road, Boone, N.C. 828.528.2731

The Children's Closet stocks gently used children's items that are available free of charge to all families and foster homes in particular.

Perkinsville Baptist Clothes Closet

Contact information: Celia- 828-773-6532

The staff at Perkinsville Baptist want to help families in practical ways, including the donation of clothing when needed. They love to work with foster care and adoptive families, particularly in the initial stages of transitioning into a new home.

Legal Services

Eggers, Eggers and Eggers legal firm provides reduced and no cost services for legal procedures related to foster care and adoption. For more information, contact Mike and Karen Kimbro - abfchosenministry@gmail.com.

Dental Services

For more information and details on discounts for foster care families contact Mike and Karen Kimbro-abfchosenministry@gmail.com

Mechanic Services

For more information and details on discounts for foster care families contact Mike and Karen Kimbro-abfchosenministry@gmail.com