

# CARING FOR KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Connected Kids Initiative brings hope and stability to the most vulnerable in our communities. With your help, we can transform the lives of the children and youth in our county and truly be the hands and feet of Jesus in their lives.

**TAKE A STEP: WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER** This movement is only successful when entire communities come together to support kids and families. Let's make an impact together.

## 1) HOMES

Which area(s) of the Child Welfare Spectrum are you are interested in learning about? We'll connect you to the right partner.



### EARLY INTERVENTION

Early engagement and care to prevent child abuse and neglect. Reduces the need for child protection services and foster care.



### FOSTER CARE

Temporary care, commitment and nurturing children in crisis.



### ADOPTION

Adoption places a child permanently in the home of a loving family. (Wards of the State or Orphan)



### TRANSITION

Youth have "aged out" of child welfare without a home of a loving family.

## 2) COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Lighten the load for those local families who are opening their homes by sharing resources. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- bringing meals
- buying diapers
- donate furniture
- gift cards for clothing
- serving in kids ministry
- helping with transportation

Other ideas? \_\_\_\_\_

# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER: BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Support children locally with your church/organization through this partnership with Connected Kids Initiative.

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## ABOUT THE CONNECTED KIDS INITIATIVE

It takes a village—a community, family, neighborhood—to raise a child. We believe that every kid, in every community, should have the relationships and support needed to thrive. But the reality is that far too many kids and teens are going through life alone, right now; they feel ignored, helpless, and worthless. The good news? There are faith communities like yours in every county that can easily support the work of public and private agencies to bring hope to hurting kids and youth!

Connected Kids Initiative is dedicated to bring agencies and faith communities together to respond to the needs of kids. We do this by developing pathways—tangible next steps that your community or organization can take, big and small, to improve the level of care for kids in your county. We see the big picture and help mobilize faith communities across the spectrum of child welfare.



Learn more at [connectedkidsinitiative.org](https://connectedkidsinitiative.org)