



OVERVIEW

The Foster Care Ministry (FCM) started in May 2020. It is designed to provide individual foster families with care and support to help ensure that the family's ministry to foster children is a complete success. The goal is to provide ongoing support in multiple areas of family life in order to help the family manage the stress of daily living as they provide loving stability to foster children.

FCM is based on the CompaCare model, a care system that is faith-based, volunteer driven, and based on the understanding of how the Church of Jesus Christ ought to operate in a broken world. One of CompaCare's key principles is "some will foster, others will support those who foster, everyone can do something."

WHAT WE DO

- Provide support to foster families in 3 major areas: practical, inspirational, and relational.
- Examples of support:
 - Weekly meals, childcare, help with transportation needs, yard care
 - Weekly contact of encouragement/prayer (card, email, text, phone call)
 - Financial support (assistance with school supplies, unexpected expenses)
 - Parent night out, family holiday gift baskets



ROLES

FCM is comprised of a church staff liaison, FCM coordinator, Family advocates, and support team members.

- Church Staff Liaison: Tara Lale
- Coordinator: Jori Collette (joricollette@att.net)
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Family Advocate (ask for 1 year commitment):
 - Attend 3 hour on-line Advocate Training
 - Attend 30 minute bi-weekly Zoom Leader Meeting (Coordinator and Advocates)
 - Lead a team of at least 6 volunteers to support a foster care family
 - Make initial and quarterly assessments of family needs
 - With help of the Coordinator, create a family support plan to provide "wrap-around" care for foster family
 - Help coordinate team volunteers as they implement family support plan
 - Connect with foster family weekly via phone, text, email, or in person (may be done by team volunteer)
 - Team Member (ask for 6 month commitment):
 - Identify area of service based on family support plan
 - Attend monthly Foster Care Ministry Zoom meetings
 - Work with a team to fulfill family support plan