



Our Purpose

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) Foster Care Ministries engages, equips and mobilizes local churches to create or enhance a support ministry for resource (foster, kinship and adoptive) families in their congregation, community and surrounding area to target the need for increased retention and participation of resource families in Oklahoma.

Our Impact

- To develop a statewide network of churches that C.A.R.E.S. who lovingly minister to and actively support foster, kinship and adoptive parents, children in care and child welfare staff.
- To partner with individuals and agencies to provide Christ-centered, practical training and resources to churches and families.
- To work closely with state agencies and community partners to maximize support and resources for selfless families in Oklahoma.

Our Approach

OBHC Foster Care Ministries will help churches establish a **C.A.R.E.S.** Ministry that will help them embrace foster, kinship and adoptive families with intentionality and love.

C – Commits

A church that C.A.R.E.S. commits to welcome resource families and the children they care for by being intentional in how they minister to them and their specific needs.

A – Appreciates

A church that C.A.R.E.S. demonstrates appreciation to resource families and child welfare workers for the hard work they do in caring for the children and families of Oklahoma.

R – Recruits and Retains

A church that C.A.R.E.S. seeks to improve resource parents' retention and success rates by implementing activities and service opportunities designed to support and encourage parents as they continue to minister and care for children.

E – Equips

A church that C.A.R.E.S. equips resource families and those who serve them through training and awareness opportunities. OBHC will work with the church to provide the highest quality training for families and staff.

S – Surrounds

A church that C.A.R.E.S. surrounds resource families by showing the love of Jesus through practical, consistent support and selfless acts of service and hospitality through the W.R.A.P. model (Words of Encouragement, Relief Care, Acts of Service, Prayer).

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