



WE'RE NOT ALL CALLED TO FOSTER
BUT WE'RE ALL CALLED TO CARE...

6 WAYS TO ENAGE FOSTER CARE IN RICHMOND

#1 INVEST IN BIRTH PARENTS

Birth parents can sometimes be invisible in foster care and adoption conversations but it's critical that churches support and build relationships with birth parents.

#2 BECOME A LICENSED FOSTER FAMILY

Richmond has a shortage of foster families. Departments of Social Services are especially in desperate need for foster families who take older kids, sibling sets or kids with special needs.

#3 PURSUE FOSTER TO ADOPT

Over 60% of parents who adopt out of foster care do so because they were the child(ren)'s foster family first.

#4 SUPPORT FOSTER & ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Only 50% of foster families last more than a year. It is critical to wrap around families who foster with practical supports - from bringing meals to giving parents a night out.

#5 EMBRACE SOCIAL WORKERS

Social workers are first responders and see more trauma in a day than most of us see in our lifetimes. Churches can encourage them by hosting appreciation events, etc.

#6 INVEST IN AGED-OUT YOUTH

One of the greatest needs is for individuals to come alongside young adults who are aging out of the foster care system. You can mentor a foster child through several organizations.



**500 Kids in Care in
Metro Richmond**



**28+ Churches
Working Together**



**6 Simple Ways to
Get Engaged**

*Everyone Can Do
Something*

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