## Leaders of a Family Advocacy Ministry (FAM)



Churches are often full of people who want to make a positive impact in the lives of vulnerable children, but don't know how. They simply need a plan and guidance.

The leaders of every FAM receive ongoing support using a proven step-by-step model that alleviates the stress of starting a new ministry. We call these leaders **Advocates**. Learn how you can be equipped to serve vulnerable children and families in your community.

#### **Benefits of Support**

As the leader of a FAM, you will be equipped to serve foster families, adoptive families, and birth families in crisis through...







### What Advocates are Saying

"When I get to step into the story of a family, I know that God is using that for a bigger story for his purpose. It takes off the pressure that I feel to fix something. I just get to step in and respond to God's call to love people, to step into broken situations, and to be the church. I can just trust that God is doing what God does."

**KELLY WHITTEN** 



# **ADVOCATE**

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- 1. A **champion** for the cause of vulnerable children
- 2. A **trained volunteer** who connects the church and families together through ongoing support and resources
- 3. A leader of a **Family Advocacy Ministry** who wants a front row seat to what God is doing.

The role of an **Advocate** is to unleash the potential in their church. God is already at work in the hearts of church members. Advocates create the space and place for congregants to respond to the call God has placed on their hearts.

#### AN ADVOCATE IS SOMEONE WHO:

- Wakes up with the needs of vulnerable children on his/her heart and mind.
- May be a former or current foster or adoptive parent or anyone who has a heart to serve families.
- Serves as a volunteer or staff member at the church.
- Works well on a team.
- Is able to delegate tasks to other leaders or volunteers.
- Leads others well.
- Inspires and encourages volunteers.
- Can dedicate 2-4 hours a week (average for new Advocates).



Take the next step to lead a FAM today!