



How the Fostering Hope Model Works

A long-term relational approach



1. *Volunteers recruited from faith communities*

No financial or administrative burden for partner churches. Volunteers self-select into the program after assessing if it is right for them. They are trained and supported by social workers.



2. *A team surrounds one family*

6-10 volunteers per family so that support is sustainable. Volunteers receive ongoing support and training from social workers for as long as they serve.



3. *Relational support happens weekly—for years*

Deep relationships and practical help for the families that the child welfare system cannot provide, guided by trained staff to ensure consistency and safety



4. *Families stabilize and children heal*

Prevents foster parent burnout and improves retention, while preserving placement stability for children. Long-term, this healing home environment leads to better outcomes for children during and after foster care.



5. *Outcomes change long-term*

Higher graduation rates, safe and stable housing, and brighter futures emerge after children age out, leading to generational change.

Restoring family and community and all that goes with it.