
Co-Laboring with Communities of Faith for Child Welfare

AEI Secretaries Innovation Group





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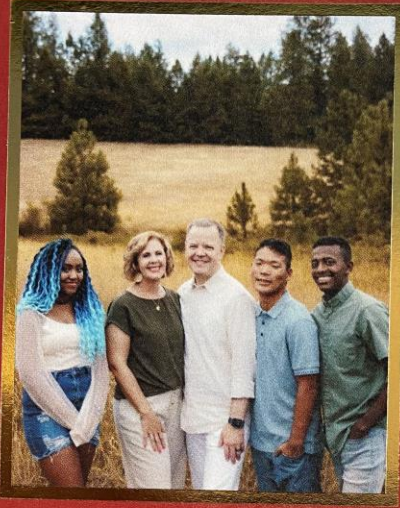
HOW can government co-labor with faith communities?

WHO are they?









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WHY do they care?

“Religion that God our
Father accepts as pure and
faultless is this, to look after
orphans and widows in their
distress...”

--James 1:27

“See what great love the Father
has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of
God...”

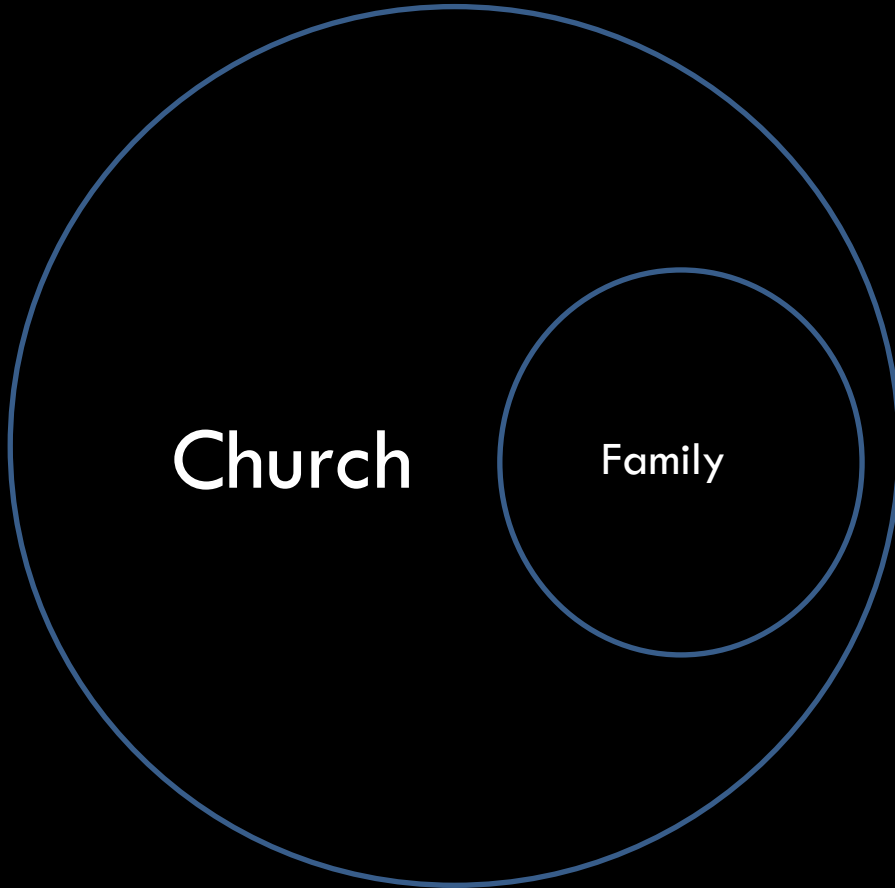
--1 John 3:1

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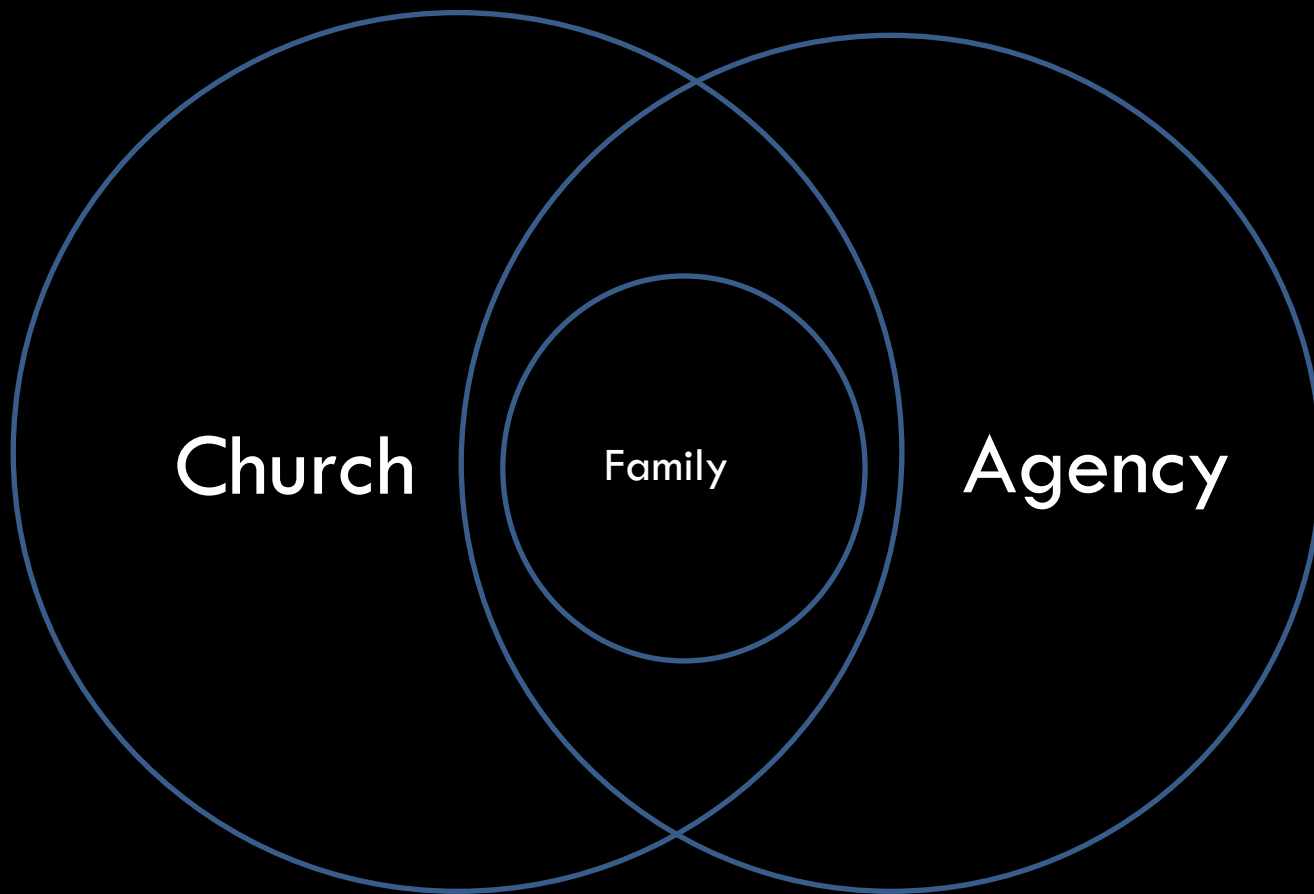


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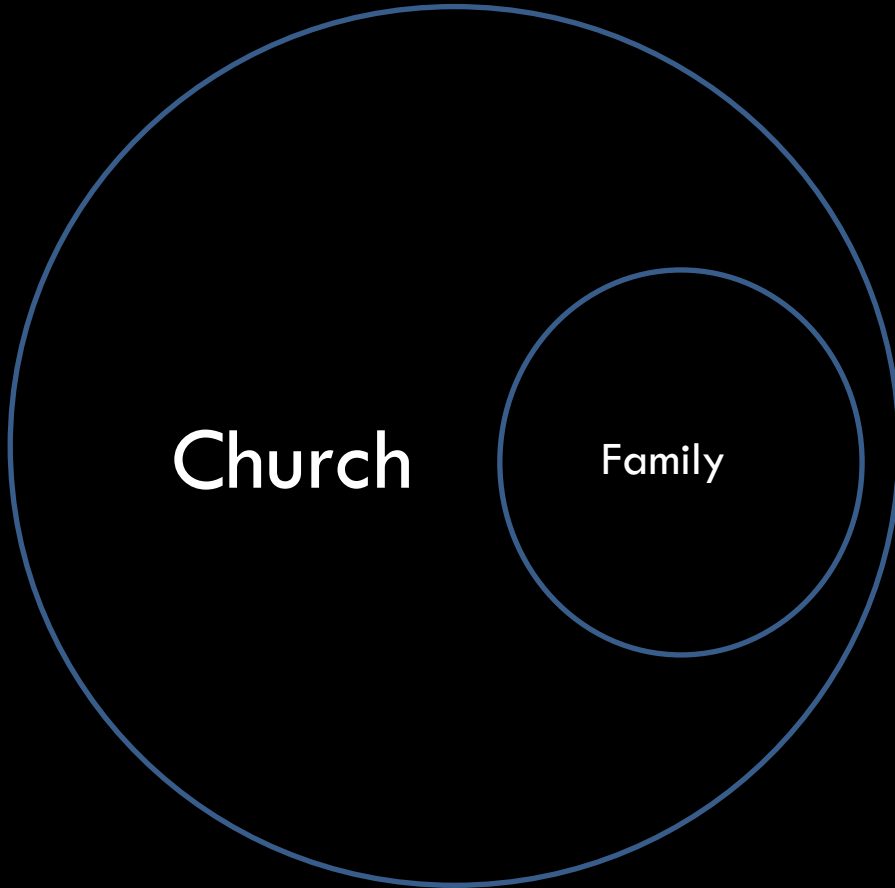
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Practicing Christians are 2X
more likely to adopt & foster

Barna Research, 2013



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With strong church wrap
around support, foster family
retention at one year rises
from 50% to 90%. Promise 686



Foster and Adoption Ministry

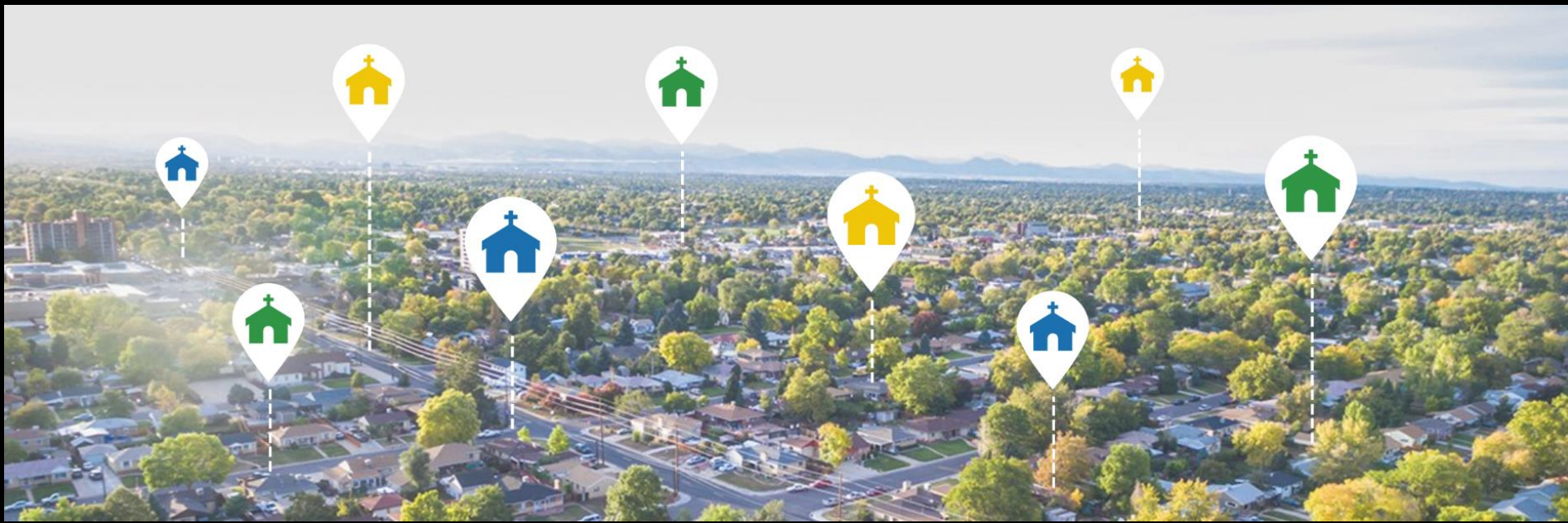
Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. -James 1:27

[Join a W.R.A.P. team at your campus.](#)

W.R.A.P. teams “wrap around” and support foster families by providing practical resources, meals, and respite care; hosting foster and adoptive community events; and by providing ongoing prayer support.

[Join a foster and adoptive family support group at your campus.](#)

Foster and adoptive family support groups create a safe space for families to connect, build relationships, and encourage one another throughout the fostering and adoption journeys.



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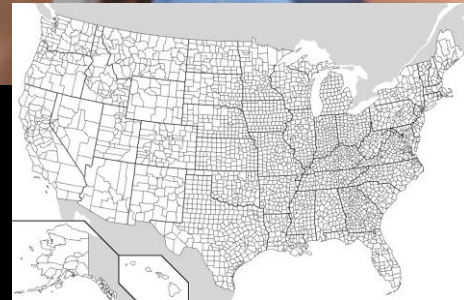
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MORE THAN ENOUGH

What if you could help transform *foster care* in your community?

You can work with others where you live to provide *more than enough* for children and families in foster care. We can help you get there—together.

[GET STARTED](#)

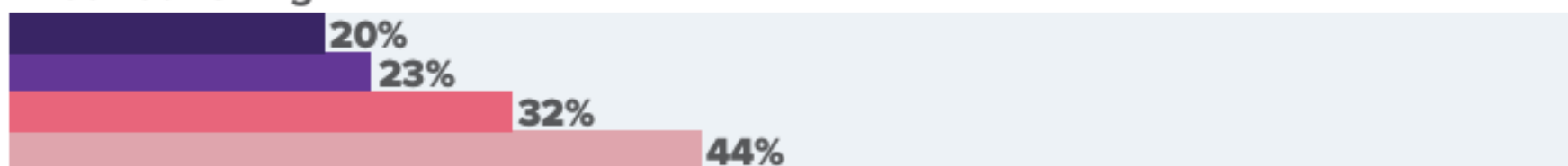


Religious young people say they are flourishing more than their non-religious counterparts.

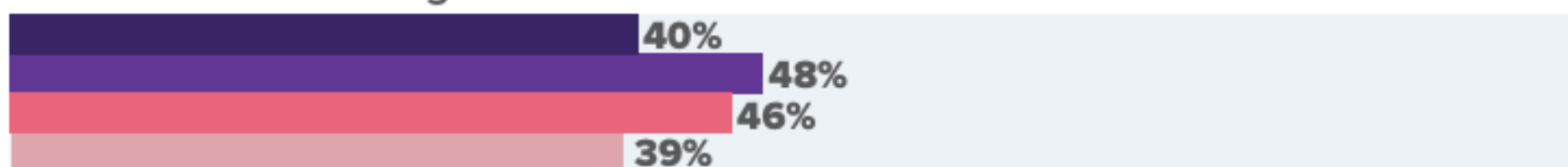
"I am flourishing in my emotional or mental well-being"

● Very religious ● Moderately religious ● Slightly religious ● Not religious

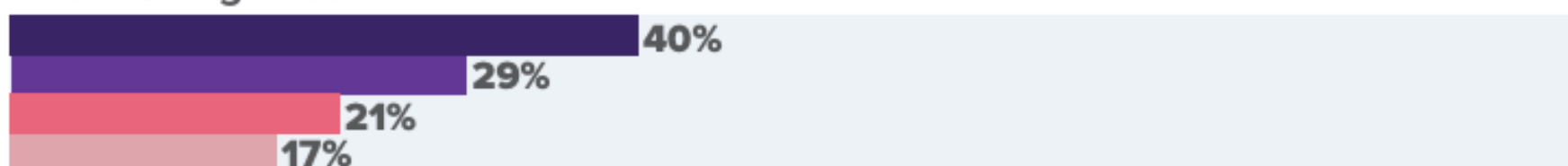
Not flourishing



Somewhat flourishing



Flourishing a lot



HOW can government best co-labor with
faith communities?



HOW?

1) Convey welcome



HOW?

2) Share needs forthrightly

HOW?

3) Co-create vision and
means of partnership



Acknowledging potential weaknesses



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