



# Foster Care Recruitment and Kinship Care

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# Shortage of licensed foster care homes in Southwest Florida

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# The need for foster families in Pima County hits crisis level



## Investigation

# Foster Children Held in Jails, Shelters – Workers Threatened, Attacked: A State Agency in Crisis

One juvenile court judge asked: “What does a judge do when the department basically abuses a child?” Besieged Illinois child welfare director Marc Smith speaks out in a rare and passionate defense of his tenure, saying “every effort is being made” to protect children and workers.

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# Providing sufficient families for children in need

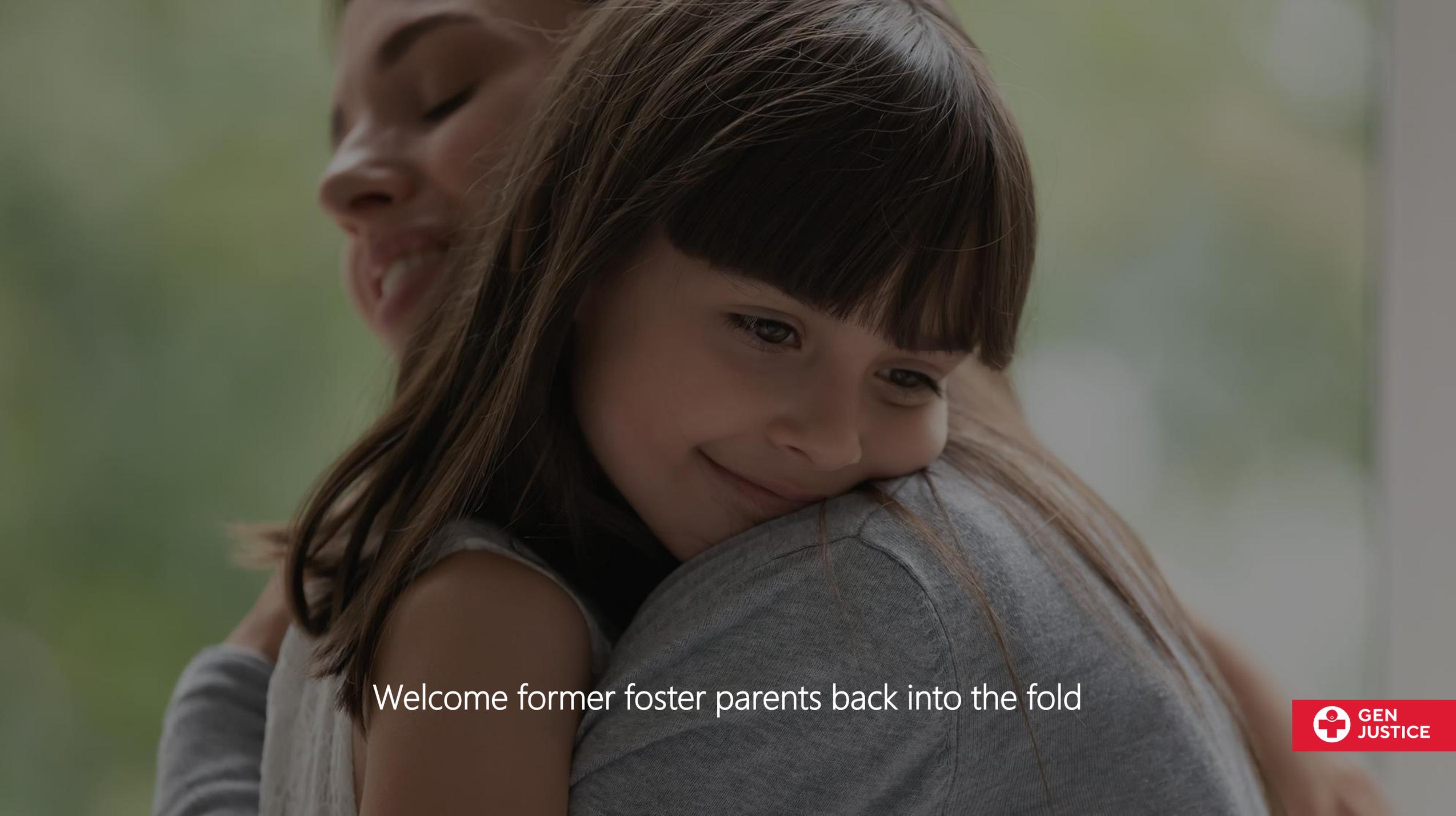
- 01 If we can expedite kinship, we can expedite community foster care families**
- 02 Eliminate regulations unrelated to child safety**
- 03 Streamline processes for former foster parents**
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Expedite foster families like we do kinship placements

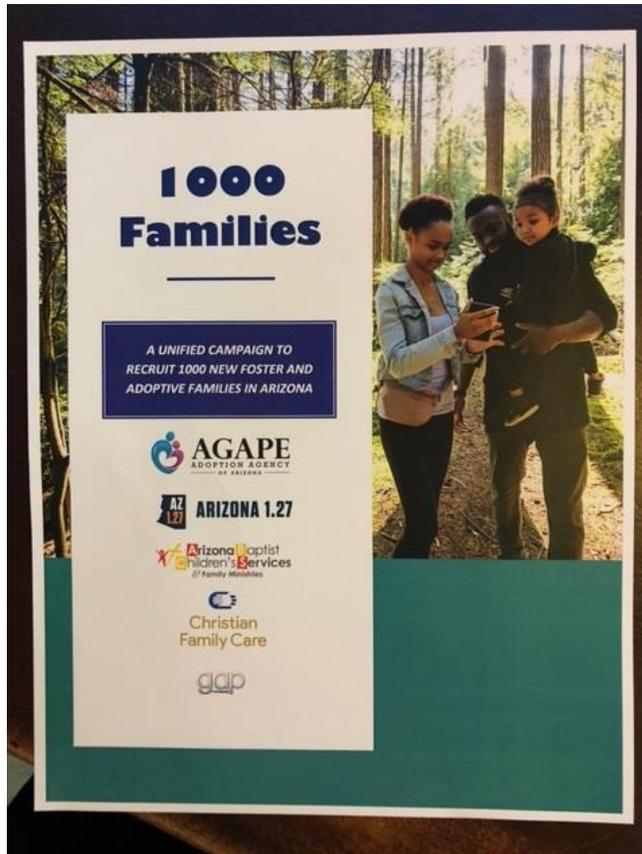


Eliminating unnecessary barriers: No closet? No problem.



Welcome former foster parents back into the fold

# Engage the faith community



## Our Strategy

### Ground Game: Phase 1

Work collaboratively to use a common engagement strategy to engage the community and educate them on the number of children in out of home care and the need for more foster care licensed homes.

#### Target Audience:

- Local churches throughout the state of Arizona.

#### Action:

- Engagingly tell the message of the need for families to a total of 500,000 people within local churches
- Engage 100-150 churches to participate in "1000 Families" events.
- Identify faith-based community partners to share the message of need.

### Air Game: Phase 2

Create a digital campaign to educate the community at large, change the current narrative about foster care and recruit a larger population than the people sitting in the pew.

#### Target Audience:

- People of Faith not connected to the ground game churches. Broader reach of digital campaign to come to the ground game events.

#### Action:

- Engagingly tell the message of the need for families to a total of 2,000,000 people.

**Goal: 1000 new families licensed to foster children in the next 24 months.**

# Recruit retirees

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# Retrain Foster Parents: Respect, Rest, Re-engage





Reciprocity between states



# Restoration of parental rights

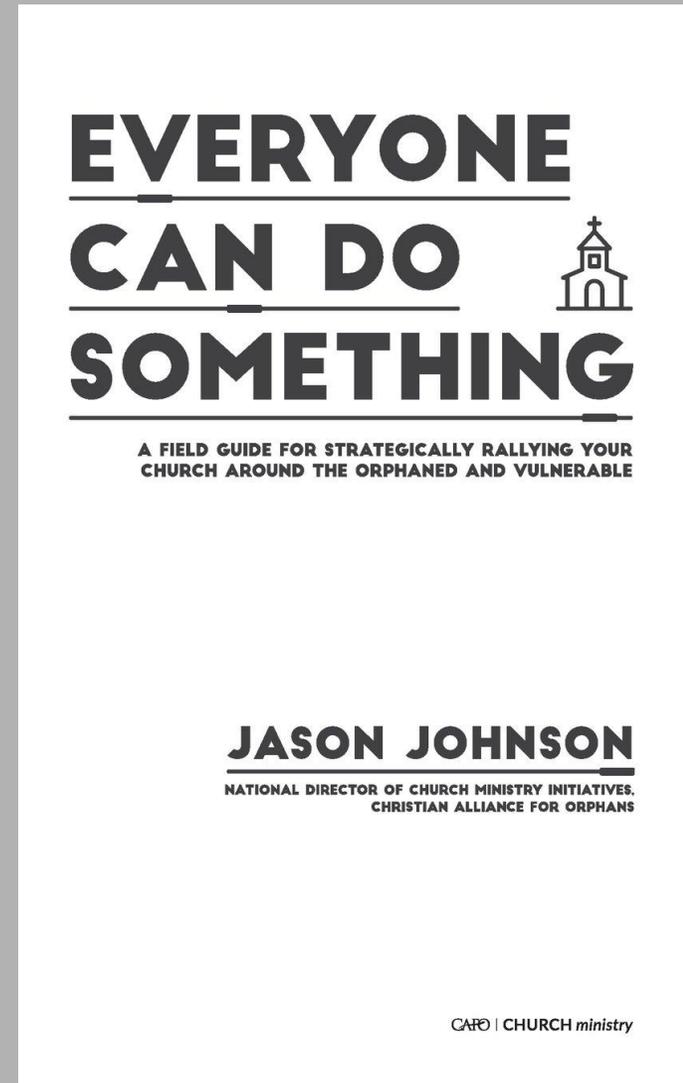
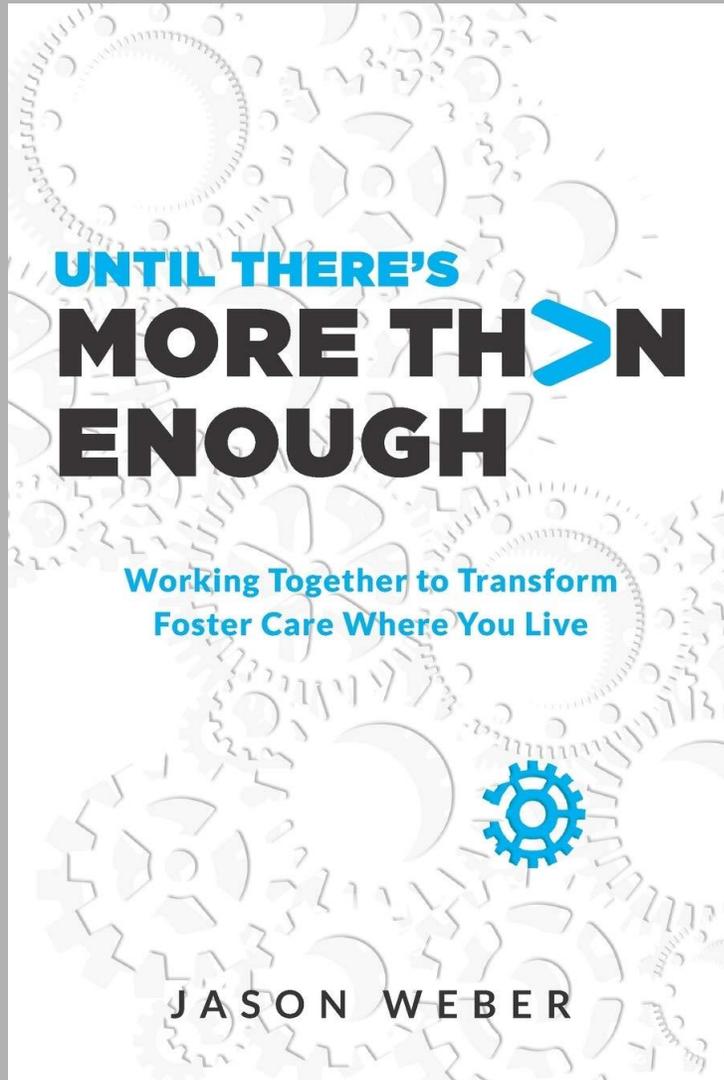
## Reinstatement of Parental Rights State Statute Summary

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Every state has statutes providing for the termination of parental rights by a court. Termination of parental rights, which can be voluntary or involuntary, ends the legal parent-child relationship. Once parental rights have been terminated, the child is legally free to be placed for adoption.

Approximately 22 states have legislation in place that allows for the reinstatement of parental rights following termination of parental rights. In 13 states, if a permanent placement has not been achieved within a specific timeframe, a petition may be filed with the court requesting reinstatement of the parent's rights. If the court determines that the parent is now able to provide a safe home for the child, the request may be granted. In 10 States, the statutes specify that reinstatement is available only to older children who have not attained a permanent placement. The laws were developed in response to children who were aging out of the foster-care system and re-establishing ties with parents and family members.

# Additional resources





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