

South Roanoke Baptist Association
Quarterly Meeting Notes: January 24, 2022

Ministry Focus: Every Child Foster Care and Adoption Ministry

Presenters: Dr. Mark E. Smith, Foster & Adoption Church Liaison, Baptist Children's Homes of NC
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Notes from Mark E. Smith's Presentation

- There are over 16,000 children in crisis

South Roanoke Baptist Association Mission Field (cafo.org)		
SRBA Counties	Children in Foster Care	Licensed Foster Families
Beaufort	175	37
Edgecombe	87	24
Washington	29	4
Wilson	53	58
Pitt	268	127
Hyde	11	0
Martin	63	19

- The Church is the Answer!
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Notes from Chris Allabaugh's Presentation

- Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina
 - 136 years old
 - Kennedy Home (Eastern Region of Services) 107 years old
 - Children's Homes, Family Care, IDD, Greater Vision, NCBAM, Guatemala, Wilderness Camps, Weekday Education, Teen Mothers
 - Foster Care and Adoption
- Child Welfare in North Carolina: The Need
 - THE PROBLEM – 17,000+ CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE IN NORTH CAROLINA
 - What is out of home care? foster, kinship, congregate, etc.
 - Over 1,000 awaiting adoption
 - 8,151 licensed foster homes in the state
 - On a national scale, there are about half the number of foster homes as there are kids

- Covid – Problem has compounded
- 100 Kids are sleeping in DSS offices every night
- Pitt County
 - 268 Children in out of home care
 - 127 licensed foster homes
 - 2 BCH homes
- Beaufort County
 - 175 Children in out of home care
 - 37 licensed foster homes
 - 2 BCH homes
- Edgecombe County
 - 87 Children in out of home care
 - 24 licensed foster homes
 - 1 BCH home
- Martin, Wilson, Washington, and Hyde Counties combined
 - 156 Children in out of home care
 - 81 licensed foster homes
 - 0 BCH homes
- Numbers of children in out of home care increases every year.
 - Reasons for care include abuse, neglect, abandonment, drug and alcohol issues, homelessness, etc.
- There is a HUGE need for families willing to minister to older children and teenagers.
 - Why?
- Child Welfare in North Carolina: The Solution
 - 4,000 Baptist Churches in North Carolina – Simple Math
 - Family Foster Care with BCH
 - Foster Care is Messy!
- What is Foster Care?
 - Foster Care is providing temporary care for an individual ranging in age from birth to 21, who are required to be out of their natural home for some duration of time.
 - The goal of foster care in North Carolina is always reunification with the biological family, until otherwise ordered by the court.
 - Foster Care includes mandated Shared Parenting, which is involvement with the biological family of the child.
 - In order to provide foster care, you must be licensed.
 - 30 hours of pre-service training

- Background checks, physicals, fire inspections, fingerprints, etc.
 - Capacity requirements
 - Entire process takes 4 – 6 months
- There is no difference for Respite care; it is the same exact license and same requirements
- You must also maintain your license
 - Quarterly in home visits from BCH, DSS, etc.
 - Quarterly Fire Drills
 - At least weekly contact with BCH case manager, often more
 - Yearly physicals, etc.
 - Ongoing training (minimum of 10 hours a year)
- Adoption
 - Domestic
 - Birth mother matches with prospective adoptive family
 - International
 - Foster-to-adopt
 - This is when a current foster placement within a foster home has their case change from reunification to adoption
 - It is not choosing a child who is free for adoption to foster with the intent to adopt them.
- Why BCH?
 - Training and management from a Biblical Worldview
 - Case Load
 - Buffer between the family and DSS
 - Support
 - Options
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