



Family Advocacy Ministry

Getting your church started to care for vulnerable children

What is a Family Advocacy Ministry (FAM)?

A church ministry that cares for vulnerable children and families, especially those impacted by foster care and adoption.

Lots of people want to help, FAMs provide a plan and structure to:

- **Prevent** children from entering foster care
- **Intervene** when foster care or adoption is a necessity
- **Connect** children with families for a lifetime

Who will lead the FAM? (Church Advocate)

The Church Advocate can be staff led and/or volunteer led; one person or a small team.



Reaching Higher will guide your **church** to empower **volunteers**, to support **families**, who love **kids** to ensure every child has a home.

Complete Training

Learn step-by-step how to build, lead and sustain a FAM at your church.

Step 1: Intro to FAMs

- 8 minute introduction video
- Watch video here: <https://reachinghigher.promiseserves.org/intro-to-fam>

Step 2: FAM Advocate Clinic (2 Parts)

- Part 1: 2 hour online course, self-paced
- Part 2: 4 hour training via LIVE Webinar
- Register for an upcoming clinic with our training partner, Promise686: promise686.org/upcoming-clinics/

Engage your Congregation

Utilize a variety of tools to engage your congregation, including:

- Prayer
- CarePortal *Meet real-time, physical needs of local families*
- Care Communities *Wraparound support for foster or adoptive families*
- Service Projects
- Awareness Events
- Recruit new Foster and Adoptive Families

