



KNOX AREA FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION MINISTRIES

KAFcAM FAQ

What is KAFcAM?

Knox Area Foster Care & Adoption Ministries (“KAFcAM”) is a regional alliance composed of local churches, agencies, ministries, and community advocates to *encourage, equip, and connect* to serve foster and adoptive children and families in the Knoxville area as well as advocate for family preservation when possible

Why was KAFcAM formed?

KAFcAM is an opportunity to join in a vision for God’s glory that is larger than any one church, organization, or project. Together, we seek to *encourage, equip, and connect* God’s people to reflect His heart for foster and adoptive children and their family (birth, foster, or adoptive) in our community.

As churches, organizations, and ministries respond to this call, we draw upon the strengths of all members to equip them for effective adoption and foster care ministry. KAFcAM also connects local ministries with organizational partners. To a watching world, KAFcAM is an all-too-rare picture of the church unified, serving the fatherless in both word and deed, bearing poignant testimony to the character of our God.

How did KAFcAM begin?

KAFcAM began in 2014 as a group of local church leaders meeting to help each other launch and grow their adoption, foster care, and orphan care ministries. We were tired of duplicating efforts across the city. From this group sprang associations with other churches, agencies, ministries, and advocates who wanted to share in this partnership.

Who can participate?

Members include local churches with or without an established orphan care ministry. To join, email kristin@kafcam.org for a church membership application.

Partners include agencies, governmental organizations, professionals, and individuals who are serving foster and adopted children and their families in the Knoxville area. To join, email kristin@kafcam.org for an organizational or individual partnership application.

Does it cost to be a member or partner?

No. KAFcAM exists to serve churches and help them grow an effective orphan ministry, so church membership is free. Partners are also free, but will be asked to pay a \$25 fee for tables at our annual conference.

Why Join?

KAFcAM is an opportunity to give in ways that echo. We unite members and partners in joint initiatives that impact more deeply than any one organization or individual could alone. Together, we encourage, equip, and connect God’s people to share His heart for orphans. If that is your desire, participating with KAFcAM amplifies your efforts. In addition we provide:

- [Joint community calendar](#)
- Ability to email leaders in the Knox area adoption/foster care community
- Website to provide to your congregation as a resource- www.kafcam.org
- Adoption/ Foster Care/ Safe Families/ Wrap Around orientation manuals
- Church wide survey template for orphan care involvement

For questions or to subscribe to our newsletter, please email kristin@kafcam.org