



ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE



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WELCOME

We are thrilled to have you join us today for the 9th Annual KAFCAM Adoption and Foster Care Conference. We have gathered today to ENCOURAGE you and educate you about caring for vulnerable children, EQUIP you to take the next steps in your journey, and CONNECT you to a community of experts and fellow laborers to journey alongside you. People pursue adoption and foster care for many different reasons, and we hope that today you find guidance, support and encouragement.

We are grateful for your time and believe this day will help you whether you are already deeply involved in the adoption and foster care community, or if this is your first exploratory step.

Knox Area Foster Care and Adoption Ministries (KAFCAM) is a regional alliance composed of local churches, agencies, ministries, and community advocates that exists to encourage, equip, and connect to serve foster and adoptive children and families in the Knoxville area.

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.

2024 SPONSORS



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Keynote/Main Session (9:15 am - 9:45 am)

Love Looks Like Advocacy: Systems Change from the Inside Out

Speaker: Allison Douglas, M.S., IECMH-E® (Harmony Family Center)

Location: Chapel - First Floor

Training Hours: 1 hour

It's easy to become burned out and overwhelmed at the enormity of the issues surrounding foster care and adoption. Systems are overloaded, resources are frequently lacking, and parents and professionals can easily begin to feel like small cogs in a very big machine. Allison, a Resource Center Program Manager at Harmony, Post-Permanency Services Specialist with the National Center for Enhanced Post-Adoption Support, and adoptive mother of four, will share strategies that strengthen our advocacy and our often-tired spirits.

Sonshine Bunch Jr. Clown Ministry - Ridgeview Baptist Church

Leader: Susie Waddell

The Sonshine Bunch Jr. Clown Ministry exists for the purpose of bringing joy and spreading God's love to others and giving glory to our Heavenly Father. The children will sing Jesus Loves the Little Children, and perform two brief skits.

First Breakout Sessions (10:00 am - 11:30 am)

Coaching Peace - A Trauma-informed Blueprint for Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution

Speaker: Ted Ancelet (Bethany Christian Services)

Location: Room 10 - Second Floor

Conflict is an inescapable aspect of our daily lives. While it is never something we look forward to or enjoy, it can be something we leverage for growth, both personally and relationally. Coaching Peace utilizes a trauma-informed coaching model to support biblical peacemaking and conflict resolution in the home. During this breakout, we'll discuss how past experiences impact current circumstances and, when those circumstances lead to conflict, how to engage others in ways that support restoration and reconciliation.

Introduction to Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)

Speaker: Tami Lewis (TBRI Practitioner)

Location: Fish Bowl - First Floor

Training Hours: 1.5 therapeutic hours

This session will provide an overview of the TBRI caregiver model for providing trauma informed care. We will briefly discuss each of the three main components of TBRI including connecting, correcting, and empowering principles. This is great for parents or professionals who want to learn how to care for kids in a trauma informed way.

Parenting Teens and Tweens

Speaker: Randi Earley (DCS)

Location: Room 11 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 1.5 hours

This curriculum offers guidance on when tweens and teens will most welcome a parent's interventions, how to step into that process with them, and how to aid their building of intelligence and gaining experiences that will prepare them for adulthood. Parents will leave the session with a better understanding of the following topics: Adolescent brain development and the centers of the brain that are growing most quickly, communication and parenting strategies to respect and support their kids' growing independence, and how to be a balanced parent to maximize your relationship and allow your child to mature to adulthood.

Former Foster Youth Panel

Moderator: Kristin Miller (Tennessee Kids Belong)

Panelists: Reagan Dodson, Alyssa Gross, Samantha Korniyenko, Leonard Staab

Location: Theater 2 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 1.5 hours

Hear from a panel of former foster youth as they share their stories. They seek to support those who find themselves in foster care and advocate for the foster care community.

Lunch (11:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Location: Lobby

Second Breakout Sessions (12:30 pm - 1:15 pm)

Foster Care 101

Moderator: Jennifer Stamper (DCS)

Panelists: Jamie Davis (Foster/Adoptive Parent), Katie Hoover (Foster/Adoptive Parent), Veronica Jackson-Patrick (Foster Parent), Leonard Staab (Former Foster Youth)

Location: Fish Bowl - First Floor

Training Hours: 2 hours

This session will discuss the goals and process of fostering in Tennessee. Discover the requirements to be a foster parent, how foster parents are trained, and the policies and supports in place to help foster families succeed.

Fostering Resilience

Speakers: Caleb Corwin (UT Graduate School of Medicine), Lucky Morton (UTMC), Lisa Stephens (UTMC)

Location: Theater 3 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 2 therapeutic hours

This presentation will help foster parents to understand how they can build resilience among the children in their home. The discussion will review some of the new research on the benefits of positive childhood experiences and will work to help families identify additional community supports available to help promote resilience.

Couples Who Foster*

Speaker: Randi Earley (DCS)

Location: Room 10 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 2 hours

**This is a 2-hour session from 12:30 - 2:30pm*

This curriculum focuses on strengthening relationship and family dynamics. The training will provide information on the importance of positive parenting; associations between components of the family context and emotion regulation; stress and stressors felt by each spouse; effects of fostering on the family; creating and maintaining a healthy relationship; ways and to incorporate self-care as a family dynamic and recognizing the importance of Positive Parenting.

Coffee Talk - Fostering or Adopting as a Single Parent

Speakers: Danielle Hmielewski, Scott Keaton, Laura Mitchell

Location: WIN Zone - First Floor

Training Hours: 1 hour

Chat with local single foster and adoptive parents about respite care, foster care, and adoption.

Adult Adoptee Panel

Moderator: Chris Graves (Adoptive Parent)

Panelists: Tyler Hays, Mandy Hileman, Ryan McMichael, Amy Tomski

Location: Theater 2 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 2 hours

A panel of adult adoptees will share their adoption stories and answer your questions. Their voices are so valuable, and we can learn so much from adoptees.

Sip & See (1:15 pm - 1:45 pm)

Location: Lobby - First Floor

Enjoy some refreshments and visit the exhibit tables.

Third Breakout Sessions (1:45 pm - 2:30 pm)

How to Support the Adoption and Foster Care Community

Moderator: Kristin Miller (TN Kids Belong)

Panelists: Lydia Beeler (Isaiah 117 House), Tracy Denham (First Foundations), Rob Gillen (Compassion Closet), Mia Slager (The Village at CCK)

Location: Theater 3 - Second Floor

Training Hours: 1 hour

Come hear about different ways you can serve alongside the adoption and foster care community whether or not you are an adoptive or foster parent. This panel will include local leaders from ministries and organizations in Knox County. Many of our panelists are not adoptive or foster parents themselves, but are actively serving the children and families in this community and will offer wisdom about how you can, too.

Experiencing Secondary Trauma

Speaker: Jen Borovy (Ten10Coaching)

Location: Fish Bowl - First Floor

Training Hours: 1 hour

As a member of the foster care system, there is no denying that you are loving kids on their hardest days. What this means for you is seeing and sometimes hearing about traumatic experiences, seeing trauma response behaviors, while navigating the typical ups and downs of raising kids. This workshop will equip you with tools to respond appropriately and care for yourself without carrying the weight of your experiences.

Adoption 101/Routes to Adoption

Moderator: Chris Graves (International Adoptive Parent)

Panelists: Zerita Brockman (Domestic Adoptive Parent), Scott Keaton (Foster Adoptive Parent), Elizabeth Gray (America World Adoption), Hillary Dewhirst (Adult Adoptee/Adoption Lawyer)

Location: Theater 2 - Second Floor

Adoption can seem rather overwhelming. Do we choose domestic, international, adoption through foster care, or embryo adoption? How much does it cost? Hear from local adoptive parents about their decision making process and learn the basics, the lingo, and where to begin.

Coffee Talk - Dad Chat

Speakers: Jamie Davis, Ryan McMichael, Terrell Patrick

Location: WIN Zone - First Floor

Training Hours: 1 hour

Guys are invited to chat with local foster and adoptive dads. Our desire is to encourage and equip dads in their unique role.

Closing Session (2:45 pm - 3:00 pm)

Location: Chapel - First Floor

Please contact Bethany Henderson at bethany.henderson@tn.gov if you have questions regarding Foster Parent training hours.

EXHIBIT TABLES

FOSTER CARE AGENCIES

Bair Foundation
Camelot
ChildHelp
DCS
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
McNabb
Omni Visions
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

America World Adoption
Catholic Charities of East TN
Destiny Adoption
Harmony Family Center

CHURCHES

Faith Promise

ADOPTION ATTORNEYS

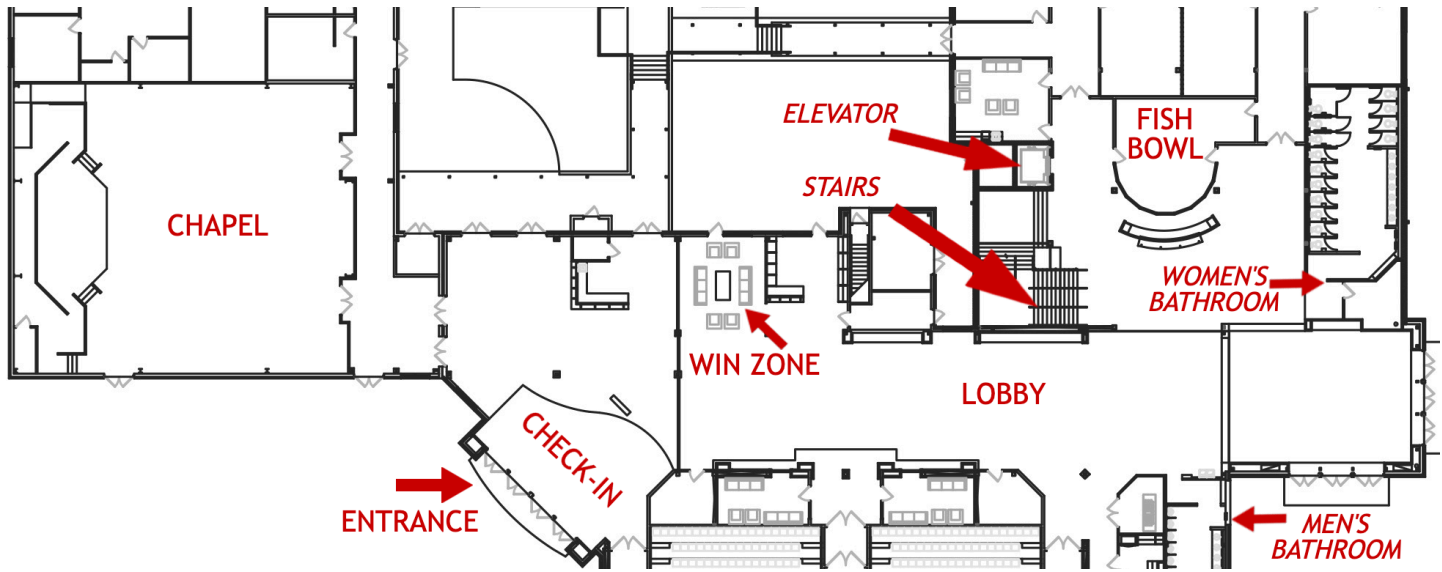
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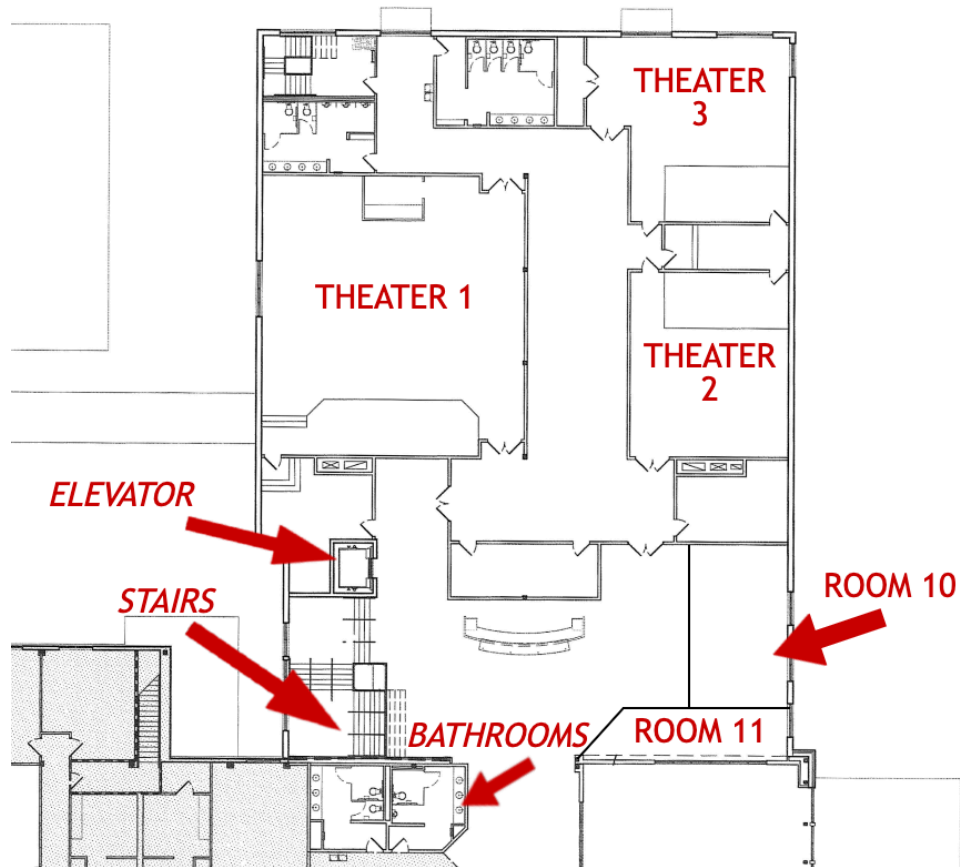
4C Therapeutics
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Compassion Closet
Compassion Coalition
First Foundations - Knoxville
Fostering Hope
Isaiah 117 House
McCloud Life
Safe Babies Court
Street Hope
Tennessee Kids Belong

BUILDING MAP

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



SPEAKERS/PANELISTS BIOS

Ted Ancelet is the Senior Chaplain for Bethany Christian Services. He has been with Bethany for 11 years. Before that, he was a pastor for 10. Ted's focus is the spiritual health and development of Bethany's 1,800+ employees. In his position, he oversees the training of Bethany staff in Relational Wisdom (a program that integrates emotional intelligence with faith) as well as biblical conflict resolution and peacemaking through a program he helped create called Coaching Peace. Utilizing Coaching Peace, he provides conflict coaching and mediation to Bethany's employees and board members. He also provides leadership coaching and team development training utilizing the enneagram and is a lead trainer in The Sanctuary Model, a trauma-informed, trauma-response culture blueprint. Ted and his wife of twenty-six years, Tracie, live in Knoxville, TN with their four children: Avery (23), Aidan (21), Addie (19) and Abel (16).

Lydia Beeler serves as the volunteer Prayer Team Leader and a Certified Volunteer at the Isaiah 117 House Knox County, and she also volunteers with KAFCAM. She and her husband of nine years live in Knoxville with their dog. They are both very active at Redemption Church and serve in the youth and young adult ministries.

Jenn Borovy is a Trauma Informed Certified Coach, Speaker, and Trainer. She is the owner and founder of Ten10Coaching, the place where educators and non-profit staff/volunteers can receive the support they need in order to combat Secondary Traumatic Stress. Ten10Coaching provides individuals and organizations with the training, support, and strategies they need to maintain healthy boundaries in their professional careers while remaining emotionally healthy. Jenn has a deep connection to the foster community through her partnership with multiple Isaiah117 Houses. Jenn's story is one of overcoming rock bottom, admitting the need for help, and doing the work it takes to be the best version of herself she can be - which allows her to show up as the wife, mom, daughter, aunt, and friend that she wants to be. Jenn lives in Maryville, Tennessee with her three energetic children and kind-hearted husband, where you will most likely find her convincing someone to commit to less events and go home to have dinner with their family.

Zerita Brockman and her husband, Brian, have adopted two children domestically. They navigate open adoptions with each birth mom. Zerita taught for Knox County Schools for seventeen years and has tutored elementary and middle school students for over two decades. She currently teaches part-time at a homeschool co-op. At her church, she's part of the Compassion Ministry Team and The Village, which is their foster care and adoption ministry. She also participates in a local adoption agency's support group for area birth mothers and volunteers with a ministry supporting teens aging out of foster care and homelessness.

Caleb Corwin is a clinical psychologist at the UT Graduate School of Medicine Center of Excellence for Children in State's Custody. Caleb received his doctoral degree from Louisiana State University. Caleb completed postdoctoral training at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins University and at Cherokee Health Systems. He specializes in working with children and families that have experienced trauma. He is currently working at the COE to help support dissemination of trauma-informed evidence-based care for children and families involved in the child welfare system. Caleb lives in Old North Knoxville with his wife and two children, ages 6 and 3. He enjoys cooking and playing Adult Rec Soccer.

Tracy Denham has always held a place in her heart for three people groups: teens in foster care, teen mothers, and those who are experiencing homelessness. She prayed for God to direct her to volunteer opportunities at a charity that would help just one of those groups. Instead, he laid in her lap an unmet need of a larger scale than she expected, and created the First Foundations ministry which helps all three groups. She has a calling to step into the gap and provide a hand up that may help these young people move toward a life of independence.

Hillary Dewhirst has been practicing law in East Tennessee since 2003. Hillary primarily practices in the areas of adoption law and child advocacy. Hillary attributes her passion for adoptions to her own story of being adopted at a young age. As an adoptee who has also met her biological family, she has a unique understanding of the complexities of open adoptions.

Reagan Dodson is 24 years old and graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with her Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree. She entered foster care with her younger sister when she was 16 years old. Reagan ended up “aging out” when she was 18 and received Extension of Foster Care services until she was 21. During her time in foster care, she lived in five different placements. Her experiences in some of the placements were very difficult, but she ultimately found her Forever Family. Through it all, she remained resilient, strong, and hopeful for her future. For the past several years, Reagan has been an advocate for the foster care community, speaking at various events, conferences, fundraisers, panels, and has even told her story on the local news. For her college internship, she spent a year and a half working at a foster care agency. She has a huge heart for teens in the foster care system and a drive for policy change. She led a foster teen support and advocacy group for many years and is currently a member of the Young Adult Advisory Council, which works to improve foster care policy at the state level.

Allison Cooke Douglas is the Resource Center Program Manager at Harmony Family Center in Knoxville, TN and serves as a post-permanency expert at the National Center for Enhanced Post-Adoption Support. Over the past decade, Allison’s work has focused on post-permanency family support. She has developed and presented curricula regarding therapeutic parenting, the impact of early trauma on the developing brain, and best practices in the child welfare system. In her work with Tennessee’s Adoption Support and Preservation (ASAP) program, Allison provides direct services to adoptive families as a part of Harmony’s multidisciplinary ASAP team. Allison holds an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement, is certified in Phases I and II of The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics and is a Neurosequential Model in Education trainer. She is a Napa Infant-Parent & Early Childhood Mental Health fellow and was selected for the 2022-23 All Educators cohort at The Fred Rogers Institute. Allison brings her lived experience as an adoptive mother of four children to her work.

Jamie Davis has an amazing family. Adoption was not their last resort or their second option, it simply was the path God led them down. Their oldest daughter was adopted from China, while their 2nd and 3rd child were fostered and then ultimately adopted. Fostering and Adoption has forever changed her and has given them the family they desperately desired.

Randi Earley has a BA in Psychology from Maryville College and a Master's of Education from Lincoln Memorial University. She has been with DCS for 10 and a half years. She began her career with DCS as a Family Service Worker, then moved to be an investigator in Child Protective Services. She spent the majority of her investigative career handling severe abuse cases and was on a specialized travel team that took her across the state assisting different regions with their investigative needs. She then became a Training Officer on the Foster Parent Training Team and has been doing that for the last 3 years. She is responsible for assisting foster parents in the Knox, East, Northeast, and Smoky Regions, as well as being the CPR Waiver Specialist for Foster Parent Training. She is married to her elementary school sweetheart and they have a 6 month old Boxer puppy named Minne and a senior fur baby named Sizzy.

Rob Gillen has been connected to the adoption and foster care community for over 18 years. He is a father of four adopted children (two international, two through foster care). He and his wife, Julie, have been foster parents to medically fragile children as well as providing respite and emergency placement assistance. In 2013, Rob helped start Compassion Closet and currently serves on the board. He is also a member of the board of directors for Bakeroos and is a lay pastor at Immanuel Church in Hardin Valley.

Chris Graves is a parent of three boys--two biological and one adopted. After watching several family members and close friends adopt, he and his wife, Anne, began the adoption process in 2010, and adopted Judd in 2011 from northern China. They have a love for adoption and walking alongside those in various stages of the adoption process. Chris also serves on the KAFCAM Leadership Team.

Elizabeth Gray has a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has worked with America World Adoption for 10 years as a home study coordinator and Director of Social Services for America World's Tennessee office. She lives in Middle Tennessee, enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, and spending time with her fur babies.

Alyssa Gross is a 5th grade ELA/SS teacher, was in the foster care system for 3 years, and was adopted in 2015 at 14 years old. The same family adopted her two younger sisters, and she has been blessed with various opportunities to share her story with others! Alyssa has spoken at several conferences, served on a panel at Maryville College, and in her travels to Canada for a Junior Civitan Governor meeting, she was spontaneously asked to share her adoption journey. She loves traveling to see her friends, any type of lake activity in the summer, and especially loves trying new food places! Alyssa has recently gotten into photography and enjoys capturing the personalities and joy of others.

Tyler Hays was adopted to Knoxville from South Korea at 3 months old. His parents also adopted his sister from the Philippines 4 years later. Tyler now lives in Fountain City with his wife, Amanda, and two children, Evie and Crew. In 2015, he and Amanda searched for, found, and got to meet his birth father in South Korea.

Mandy Hileman was adopted from Ceara, Brazil at birth in 1981 by American parents from Bulls Gap, TN. Her father flew down to Brazil when she was 2 weeks old in expectation of immediately bringing her to the United States. Due to complications with the government of Brazil reporting fraudulence with the adoptions, she was not able to leave with her father. From birth until 6 months old, she was taken care of by multiple people in the orphanage in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her father was able to spend 2 weeks in Brazil taking care of her, but due to his job he had to return to the United States. Coincidentally, there was a lady from Memphis, TN going through the same adoption process with her son, dealing with the same situation. She volunteered to take care of Mandy when her father returned to the US. After several months of havoc with the Brazilian government not releasing adoptions to the US, the President of Brazil agreed to let them be released to the US. She was 6 months old when she finally got to be with her parents. Today, she is currently working as a Nurse practitioner helping disabled veterans, teaches Zumba fitness at Golds' Gym, and lives in West Knoxville with her teenage son. She is excited for the opportunity to speak on behalf of children who have been adopted or in foster care by sharing her story.

Danielle Hmielewski works as a physical therapist helping her patients with their physical challenges. In 2013, her sister became pregnant and knowing her history of drug and alcohol abuse, Danielle sought the Lord on what role He would have her play in her sister and future nephew's life. As a single woman, she received mixed messages from the church about whether or not she should raise her nephew, if that need arose. After taking PATH classes as a preparatory measure, Danielle felt called to raise her nephew. In 2018, she became her nephew's legal guardian. She truly believes in the call of James 1:27 to care for orphans, and has found blessing and joy in caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of her nephew.

Katie Hoover is a stay at home mom of seven - six handsome boys and one beautiful girl. She and her husband, Cody, have been married for 16 years. They had the privilege of being foster parents from September 2017 to December 2022 and adopted 3 of their kiddos from foster care. They are typically at the baseball field or on a camping adventure.

Scott Keaton lives in Anderson County with his 5 year old daughter who he adopted as a single foster dad in 2020. He is also the proud father of a 24 year old daughter, grandfather of a 22-month old granddaughter, and has his first grandson on the way! Scott is the owner of Little Heroes, a mobile pediatric physical therapy private practice in the Oak Ridge/West Knox area. His passion is working with children, primarily those with special needs and developmental delays. 26 years of experience have included many families in the foster/adoptive system who played a part in his calling to foster care and, eventually, to adoption.

Samantha Korniyenko was a child raised by the foster care system. She entered her first foster home at age 7 and aged out at age 18. At age 12, she was adopted but was returned back to foster care at age 13. She lived in many foster homes, 24 hour shelters that turned into weeks due to no available homes, and group homes. She and her husband Valentin have been married for 18 years, and they have 4 boys. Their youngest son was adopted from foster care.

Tami Lewis is a TBRI Practitioner and former elementary school counselor. She worked with Helen Ross McNabb's Therapeutic Preschool program for two years. Tami is the leader of a support group for adoptive/foster moms and volunteers with the adoption support care team at her church. She and her husband have two children, a biological son and an adopted daughter.

Ryan McMichael lives in Columbia, TN, with his wife Jessica and their adopted daughter, Charlotte. In addition to having the best job in the world as a student pastor, Ryan loves any chance he gets to share about the love of Jesus through his own adoption experience. In addition to being an adoptive dad and an adoptee himself, Ryan has three sisters, all of whom are adopted.

Kristin Miller and her husband, Jeremy, adopted 2 girls from Ghana in 2013 and have two biological sons. Kristin also has 3 adopted siblings from Guatemala. She works as the Community Engagement Director for Tennessee Kids Belong, serves in the adoption, foster and kinship care ministry at Fellowship Church, and serves on the KAFCAM Leadership Team.

Laura Mitchell began fostering in 2011 and has adopted seven children, now ages 11-20, from foster care. She works at Harmony Family Center as the Resource Center Coordinator. Laura enjoys traveling, watching and cheering on her children in various sports, and serving in the Student Ministry at her church.

Lucky Morton is a Registered Nurse at University Family Physicians at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. She received her Associates of Science in Nursing degree from Roane State Community College in 2022 and is finishing her Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree in the Fall from East Tennessee State University. Prior to becoming an RN, Lucky worked as an LPN for 20 years. She has been employed by University Family Physicians for 22 years and has helped develop a “DCS clinic” in the office. This clinic sees mostly kids in DCS custody and she has the role of the primary nurse. She is currently part of the Blount Foster Care Faith Cohort and supports the Isaiah 117 House, Compassion Closet, and TN Kids Belong. She and her husband Greg have one amazing daughter, Sydnie. She enjoys rowing, paddleboarding, and spending time on their boat - basically anything that involves the water and sun! They love to travel and spend time together as a family.

Terrell & Veronica (Jackson) Patrick have been certified foster parents for about 5 years. They have fostered almost 40 children for the TN Department of Children Services, primarily through emergency and temporary placements. Terrell and Veronica have been married for 30 years, and they have four adult biological children. Both Terrell and Veronica are employed by the federal government and call West Knoxville home. Veronica also serves on the KAFCAM Leadership Team.

Mia Slager leads The Village, which is the adoption and foster care ministry at Cornerstone Church of Knoxville. She also serves on the KAFCAM Leadership Team as well as on the boards of the PTO at Northshore Elementary School and the PTSO at West Valley Middle School. She and her husband, Josh, have been married for 21 years, and have two biological boys.

Leonard Staab came into foster care at the age of 10 with his biological half sister. He moved into his adoptive home at 11 and was adopted at 12. He is so thankful for these last 8 years and the chance to graduate high school and start college. As he looks back on his story, he wants to communicate the value of good foster/adoptive families. And even though it wasn't always easy, he would not be where he is today without his foster/adoptive family and the power of the Lord. Leonard also leads a ministry called 29.11.

Jennifer Stamper has worked in the social services field for nearly 30 years. Currently she is the Team Leader for Foster Parent Support, Kinship, and ICPC homes. She is a past foster and adoptive parent and lives in Knoxville with her husband and 5 children.

Lisa Stephens, FNP-BC is a Family Nurse Practitioner at University Family Physicians at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Lisa received her Masters of Science in Nursing degree from East Tennessee State University in 2018 and her Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College in 2010. She has been employed by University Family Physicians for 12 years and has helped develop a “DCS clinic” in her office seeing primarily kids in DCS custody for the last 5 years. She is currently part of the Blount Foster Care Faith Cohort and supports the Isaiah 117 House, Compassion Closet, and TN Kids Belong. Lisa has been married to her husband Josh since 2010 and has a daughter, Rylee (12), and a son, Mason (9). In her free time away from work, Lisa enjoys camping and spending time with her family on their farm.

Amy Tomski is a married mother of 2. She was adopted as a baby and raised in Knoxville. She has 2 siblings through adoption and one biological half brother. She loves to read and is a huge family person.

RESOURCES

LOCAL PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES

- Adoption Assistance, Inc
- American World Adoption
- Catholic Charities of East TN
- Destiny Adoption Services
- Lifeline Children's Services
- National Embryo Donation Center

ADOPTION FROM FOSTER CARE

- Adopt US Kids
- Parent A Child (Harmony)
- Tennessee Kids Belong

LOCAL FOSTER CARE AGENCIES

- Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries
- Camelot
- Child Help
- Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
- Helen Ross McNabb Center
- Holston Homes For Children
- Omni Visions
- Smoky Mountain Children's Home
- Therapeutic Interventions
- TN Baptist Children's Homes
- TN Department of Children's Services
- Youth Villages

SUPPORT/SERVICES

- Adoption Support/Preservation Support Preservation Program (Harmony)
- Bakeroots
- Blount County Foster Parent Association
- Bluecare Tennessee
- Bethany Christian Services
- Both Hands
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Compassion Closet
- FUSE with Harmony Family Center
- Foster Friendly App & Communities (Tennessee Kids Belong)
- Fostering Hope TN
- Isaiah 117 House
- Knox County Foster Care Support Group (Facebook)
- Knox County Health Department
- Lily's Story Foundation
- McCloud Life
- Safe Babies Court
- Street Hope TN
- TN Voices for Children
- UT Center of Excellence

RESOURCES *continued*

ORGANIZATIONS (VOLUNTEER)

- Compassion Closet
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Empty Cup
- Fostering Hope TN
- Isaiah 117 House
- Safe Families for Children
- TN Department of Children's Services
- Tennessee Kids Belong

COUNSELORS

- 4C Therapeutics
- A New Hope Counseling Center
- All Ages Counseling
- Built2Bond- Leighanne Goldsteine
- Covenant Counseling
- Healthy Connections Knoxville
- Legacy Counseling Knoxville
- Restoration Counseling Associates
- The Middle Path

ADOPTION ATTORNEYS

- Dawn Coppock
- Stuart Crane
- Hillary Dewhirst
- Channing Mille
- Katie Ogle
- David Roberts

LOCAL BIRTH FAMILY PRESERVATION

- Community Action Committee Knox County
- Compassion Coalition
- Comprehensive Child and Family Treatment (McNabb)
- Family Promise of Knoxville
- Family Justice Center Knoxville
- Hands of Hope
- Helen Ross McNabb Center
- Intercept by Youth Villages
- Relative Caregiver Program
- Renaissance Recovery Group
- Restoration House
- Safe Families for Children
- Serenity Women's Center
- Smart Steps Child Care Payment Assistance
- Susannah's House
- TN Voices for Children
- YWCA Knoxville

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 9th: Tennessee Kids Belong WRAP Coordinator Training ([register here](#))
- April 9th: Trust-based Relational Intervention Connecting Principles ([register here](#))
- April 20th: Hope For The Journey Conference at Shoreline Church ([register here](#))
- Additional Upcoming Events: kafcam.org/events

SPECIAL THANKS

Chick-fil-A - Northshore

Einstein Bros. Bagels - Farragut

The Empty Cup

Mansour Hasan of State Farm

Ridgeview Baptist Church Children's Clown Ministry

The Village at CCK

KAFCAM Leadership Team & Volunteers

CONFERENCE SURVEY

Go to kafcam.org/links to access the Conference Survey!