



Annual Report to the Legislature 2021-2022

*One Church One Child
of Florida Inc. - Since 1988*

Our
VISION

Enabled by our
MISSION

Founded by our
VALUES

A private, non-profit, faith-based organization that provides adoption related services and works in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families and churches.



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Message from the President and Executive Director

This Legislative Report provides a review of the status of One Church One Child of Florida for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022 operations. One Church One Child successfully modified its approach to reaching communities and working with churches to educate them and recruit families and individuals interested in providing foster care, adoption and/or mentor services in efforts to help increase permanency for children.

While the country's focus appears to be ever increasing regarding utilization of the faith community in addressing local issues, One Church One Child has been involved and at the forefront of developing church partnerships to assist in reaching out to communities for the last 42 years nationally and 34 years in the state of Florida.

The One Church One Child Model utilizes a best practice grassroots approach of engaging the faith community. The development of collaborative partnerships with churches and other religious entities assists in increasing awareness and educating communities on the plight of children in foster care. Additionally, One Church One Child emphasizes the need for families or individuals who are resources for children in foster care, to churches and other entities.

Contained in this Annual Report are some of the many outreach efforts utilized during the year to assist the Department of Children and Families and Community Based Care Lead agencies in helping to increase the number of families and individuals coming forward to adopt, foster and/or mentor children. This report also identifies new churches recruited during the fiscal year to serve as community resources and assist with local efforts throughout the state.

The One Church One Child of Florida Corporation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who represent their respective regions and the state collectively in providing committed leadership to the Corporation along with dedicated staff, other community volunteers, and university interns.

This report is submitted with great appreciation and recognition of the many churches, individuals, communities, businesses, foundations, and governmental partners who work together in successful collaboration to help impact the lives of Florida's children who are in foster care and local families.

Sincerely,

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**Rev. Dr. Emmett Wiseman
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"Increasing permanency for Florida's children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and support for families."

Vision

One Church One Child of Florida's vision is to be the premier leader in supporting permanency for minority children through prevention of maltreatment, intervention, adoption promotion and support for families.

Mission

Our mission is to partner with churches and the greater community to increase permanency for minority children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and family support services.

Values

- *A holistic/faith approach*
- *Respect for the varied dimensions of individuals and families*
- *Recognition of the importance of relationships*
- *Empowerment of those we serve*
- *Partnerships and collaborations in communities*
- *Provision of high-quality, sufficient, consistent, integrated, timely and transparent services*

2021-2022 Achievements

The One Church One Child Corporation Act and its corporate mission cite the adoption of minority children as its primary goal. To that end, Board Members and staff continue to reach out to communities through pastors and churches to recruit families to adopt, foster or mentor children from foster care. The basic principle of the organization is to “find at least one family per church to adopt, foster, or mentor a child from the foster care system.”

Plans for the year included:

- **Resources** – Organizing resource families based on regional adoption goals and the number of children on the Explore Adoption website.
- **Referrals** – Families would be referred to Community Based Care Lead Agencies or other child-placing agencies in Florida for adoptive/foster parent training prior to completion of an adoption home study or foster care licensing study.
- **Recruitment** – OCOC would recruit churches within regions by presenting OCOC’s case for support, explaining procedures and support tools, answering questions, and confirming participation with churches signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- **Publicity** – OCOC would help publicize the need for adoptive parents, using flyers, monthly emails, radio, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Zoom, conference calls, and other media platforms. Photos of available children with brief information on the children and related information would be shared with local media and with participating churches.
- **Results** – OCOC would track and monitor all referrals of families with reports to the Department of Children and Families and the Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, in addition to completing a year-end report.

In planning, preparing, and implementing the goals for the year, the board members donated over 1,900 hours of time and effort, participating in board meetings, subcommittees, workgroups, and small session meetings.

One Church One Child was first implemented in the State of Illinois when the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Greg Coler, and Deputy Secretary Gordon Johnson sought out Father George Clements to help them in addressing the disproportionate number of minority children lingering in foster care. In 1988, Greg Coler became Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families and implemented the successful minority adoption recruitment program in Florida. In 1990, the Florida Legislature passed the One Church One Child of Florida Corporation Act (section 409.1755, *Florida Statutes (F.S)*). This Act mandated OCOC to operationalize as a non-profit corporation with a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor. The program has a 23-member Board of Directors to carry out the intent of the law. Board members serve a minimum of a three-year term. The Board was

appointed/reappointed July 8, 2015, by Governor Rick Scott. Currently, all six (6) of the DCF Regions have representation with 13 of the 23 members serving. With privatization of child welfare services, the One Church One Child Program was down-sized, including the number of board members appointed.

Summary of the Organization

One Church One Child operates out of a statewide headquarters located in Tallahassee and has satellite offices in Jacksonville (Northeast Region), Plant City (SunCoast Region), and West Palm Beach (Southeast Region).

The headquarters office includes a full-time Executive Director, Deputy Director, Family Coordination Specialist, Administrative Assistant, and volunteers. The Executive Director and Family Coordination Specialist were hired in January 2003; the Deputy Director was hired in October 2007; and the Administrative Assistant was hired in September 2013. The satellite offices in Jacksonville and Plant City include a Recruitment Coordinator at each site. The Jacksonville staff member was hired in September 2017, and the Plant City staff member was hired in July 2019. The West Palm Beach office is staffed by a part-time Volunteer Adoption Recruiter.

OCOC works in partnership with churches, local businesses, agencies, and such entities as Daniel Memorial, Inc., Chapters of Buffalo Soldiers in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Tampa, the Governor's Office on Adoption and Child Protection, local Heart Galleries, Florida A&M University (FAMU) and Florida State University Social Work Programs, FAMU School of Business and Industry Program, the Florida Coalition for Children, Family Support Services of Northeast Florida, ChildNet, Communities Connected for Kids, Eckerd Community Alternatives, Family Support Services of SunCoast, Partnership for Strong Families, Citrus Family Care Network, Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Families First Network, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Children's Home Society, Boys Town North Florida, Northwest Florida Health Network, and other Lead Agencies, as well as the Department of Children and Families.

OCOC of Florida continues its work with the national One Church One Child and the Child Welfare League of America Faith Advisory Committee (CWLA FAC). In partnership with these entities, OCOC has worked on initiatives to help increase the involvement of the faith community in child welfare services.

State Board Members, advisory committee members, and staff, in conjunction with members of the community, have been involved in efforts to recruit adoptive and foster families and mentors. Volunteers also have worked with the state board members to support local recruitment efforts, and those volunteer hours are captured on OCOC time tracking logs.

Statewide statistics show that this year 4,241 volunteer hours were logged by advisory committee members, university interns, and other volunteers, while 1,926 volunteer hours were logged by state board members, for a total year-to-date of 6,167 volunteer hours. The total volunteer hours were valued at \$80,272. Volunteer hours were calculated from the number of hours State Board Members and local Advisory Committee Members donated to One Church One Child through recruitment activities. The total dollar value was calculated by multiplying the total number of volunteer hours by the allowed \$13.00 an hour.

One Church One Child has experienced changes and transitions over time, from a program of the Department of Children and Families to a licensed child placing agency, and currently to a non-profit adoption/foster care recruitment organization. In fulfillment of this role, One Church One Child has implemented an innovative campaign to increase adoption/foster care resources and involve more churches in partnering to recruit families interested in adopting, fostering and/or mentoring. This report also highlights the agency's overall accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Community Awareness and Involvement Activities

The One Church One Child State Board of Directors and Local Advisory Committees continue to engage churches and communities in activities to heighten awareness and increase recruitment of potential adoptive and foster families and mentors. During this reporting period, some of the activities featured below were conducted in person. The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic required continued compliance with state mandated restrictions, many activities were conducted using virtual meeting platforms, conference calls, postal and electronic mailings, and social media platforms.

- Meeting with local churches and pastors to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Conducting presentations with congregations and community audiences to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Advertising in various media markets to include radio stations, television stations through their community calendars, newspapers, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.
- Distributing approximately 10,000 brochures, posters, flyers, and partnership information packets.
- Showcasing One Church One Child presentations in virtual church conferences, conventions, congresses, associations, and alliance meetings.

- Participating as One Church One Child board members, local advisory committee members, and staff in approximately 539 community events/sponsored activities this fiscal year.
- Since January 2022 One Church One Child has presented to over 69,542 people at various events.
- Participating in National Foster Care Month in May, National Adoption Month in November, and National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April through electronic communications.
- Creating and broadcasting public service announcements to encourage individuals, communities, pastors, churches, and congregations to explore the adoption of a foster child.
- Participating in statewide observation of “One Church One Child Adoption Sunday” on November 14, 2021.
- Distributing resource packets to more than 500 church congregations throughout the state of Florida, focusing attention on children waiting for adoption. These packets provided sample announcements to be read during services or published in bulletins for placement in lobbies, libraries, and vestibules.
- Distributing resource information to more than 3,284 church congregations via email, focusing on the need for foster homes as part of the statewide recognition of foster care month.
- Coordinating the distribution of Christmas gifts for children in foster care in partnership with local churches and individual community members.

*****Major Accomplishments:***

Although faith-based organizations continue to have modified access to their congregations, OCOC accomplished the established goal of recruitment and referral of 78 families interested in adopting/fostering children from foster care.

OCOC also accomplished the established goal of recruitment and referral of 108 families for mentoring and permanent connections of children from foster care.

Data Source: One Church One Child Family Tracking Spreadsheets, SFY 2021-2022

One Church One Child of Florida Tracking Log State Fiscal Year 2021-2022									
Month	Partner Churches	A/F Family Referrals	Mentor Family Referrals	Support Activities	Board Hours	Community Support/ Interns	Local Advisory Committee	Community Events	Attendees
July-21	7	5	8	8	139	495	344	38	---
Aug.-21	7	5	8	2	113	16	232	76	---
Sept.-21	7	5	8	2	168	58	199	38	---
Oct.-21	7	5	8	1	135	67	148	33	---
Nov.-21	7	5	8	1	165	103	341	59	---
Dec.-21	7	5	8	7	257	---	243	31	---
Jan.-22	7	8	10	2	173	133	276	46	23,606
Feb.-22	7	8	10	---	183	161	242	62	22,350
March-22	7	8	10	---	189	236	223	54	6,884
April-22	7	8	10	---	191	161	178	38	5,381
May-22	7	8	10	---	113	22	164	31	5,983
June-22	7	8	10	---	100	59	140	33	5,338
TOTAL	84	78	108	23	1,926	1,511	2,730	539	69,542

Development of Beneficial Program Activities

Recognizing that pandemic conditions were forcing churches to modify modes of meeting throughout the state, One Church One Child expanded outreach efforts utilizing various virtual platforms to comport with the church operations. These modifications aided efforts in successfully recruiting and engaging churches to continue involvement as partners, interested in supporting children and local families.

****Major Accomplishments:**

The community outreach events generated 84 additional resource churches, making a total of more than 1,110 resource churches. (See page 10 for listing of new resource churches.)

Data Source: Monthly Activity Reports for Contract #LJ958, SFY 2019-2020

Summary of the Provision of Training and Technical Assistance

The December 3, 2021, One Church One Child Board Meeting and Training included taking a closer look the impact of the pandemic on church capacity as resource partners. The Board strategized on ways to work closely with the various church denominations in expanding engagement through the use of technology and local efforts to support and help strengthen families and local communities.

One Church One Child successfully conducted partnership training events for churches, Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, and community members in each of the six Department of Children and Families regions, for a total of 13 education forums and 12 community trainings statewide.

****Major Accomplishments:**

Despite pandemic conditions, OCOC continued to successfully build partnerships with CBCs and churches in each of the six DCF regions. These successful partnerships have resulted in OCOC accomplishing its annual goal of increasing permanency for children through increasing the number of families interested in adopting, fostering and/or mentoring and the number of churches getting involved as resources.

Summary of Fundraising Activities

Though fundraising activities continued to be impacted by the pandemic conditions, donor contributions were realized in the amount of \$5,100. Donations of gifts for children were also received in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; these donations excluded state contract monies totaling \$10,100.

****Major Accomplishments:**


Cash contributions, gifts, and other supports provided for children in foster care valued over \$10,100.

Data Source: OCOC In-kind Donation Tracking List

This report is submitted pursuant to section 409.1755(3)(b)5, F.S., which directs the One Church One Child of Florida Corporation in conjunction with the Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services) to submit an annual report to the Legislature by September 1st of each year.

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*"Finding at least
One Family in each
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- OCOC of Florida

APPENDIX A

Listing of New Partner Churches Recruited in SFY 2021-2022

Northwest Region

1. Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church, Port St. Joe
2. Victorious Life Center, Tallahassee
3. TKB Ministries, Tallahassee
4. End of Time Ministries, Havana
5. True Fellowship Holiness Church, Tallahassee
6. 1200 Church, Tallahassee
7. Divinely Empowered Equipped, Inc. (DEE Ministries), Tallahassee
8. St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Quincy
9. Chosen Generation Worship Center, Tallahassee
10. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostles and Prophets Faith, Tallahassee
11. I Speak Life Global Ministries, Tallahassee
12. Woman of Destiny Outreach Ministry, Tallahassee
13. The Praying Ladies Ministries, Tallahassee
14. Union Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee
15. Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Tallahassee
16. Mount Trail Primitive Baptist Church, Sopchoppy
17. First Church of God in Christ, Crestview
18. Deliverance Temple Ministry East, Tallahassee
19. New Zion Missionary Baptist East, Midway
20. St. James P. B. Church, Tallahassee
21. Mt. Calvary P. B. Church, Quincy
22. St. Phillip Primitive Baptist, Quincy

Northeast Region

1. New Life Church in the Lord Jesus, Jacksonville
2. Divine Ministry, Jacksonville
3. Greater New Jerusalem Church, Jacksonville
4. Acts Ministries, Jacksonville
5. The Church of Acts Ministry, Jacksonville
6. Mother Midway AME Church, Jacksonville
7. International Family Fellowship, Jacksonville
8. Excel Church, Jacksonville
9. Wayman Temple AME Church-West Campus, Jacksonville
10. Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church, Jacksonville
11. The House of Worship Holiness Church, Jacksonville
12. New Saint James AME Church, Jacksonville
13. Hope of Destiny Ministry, Jacksonville
14. The Master's Touch Ministry, Jacksonville
15. Christ Gospel Church Prayer House, Jacksonville
16. Little Macedonia Holy Mission, Jacksonville
17. Deeper Waters Christian Center, Jacksonville
18. Old Town Church of God in Christ, Gainesville
19. God's Grace Global Ministries, Jacksonville
20. Living Word Ministries of Jacksonville, Jacksonville
21. New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Madison

22. Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Gainesville
23. Collins Chapel AME Church Baldwin, Baldwin
24. Amazing Life Church, Jacksonville
25. Abiding Faith Christian Church, Gainesville
26. Enduring Faith Ministries, Gainesville
27. Tabernacle Baptist Institution Church, Jacksonville
28. Greater New Mount Lila Baptist, Jacksonville
29. Redemption Blood Church, Jacksonville
30. New Palmer Grover Full Gospel Baptist Church, Jacksonville

SunCoast Region

1. True Life Community Worship Center, Tampa
2. New Bethel Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa
3. Truvine Missionary Baptist Church, Sarasota
4. Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa
5. St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Clearwater
6. Perfecting Truth Ministries, Inc., Riverview
7. Secret Tabernacle Deliverance Ministries, Inc., St. Petersburg
8. New Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Sarasota
9. New Direction Ministry, Tampa

Central Region

1. Central Baptist Church, Sanford
2. Starlight Baptist Church, Winter Springs
3. Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Orlando
4. First missionary Baptist Church, Winter Haven
5. First Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Bartow
6. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church-Mulberry, Lakeland
7. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Winter Park
8. Grace Community of Faith Baptist Church, Orlando
9. Second Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford
10. Passages of Life Ministries, Clermont
11. New Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Loughman
12. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Dundee
13. St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Sanford
14. Foundation of Truth Church, Orlando
15. Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Eaton
16. Christian Worship Center, Leesburg
17. Leesburg Church of God in Christ, Leesburg

Southeast Region

1. Peace Camp Primitive Baptist Church, West Palm Beach
2. Bethel Baptist Church, Belle Glade

Southern Region

1. Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Miami
2. Transformation Church Miami, Miami
3. New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church, Miami
4. Faith Truth and Deliverance C.O.G.B.F., Miami

Data Source: Monthly Activity Reports for Contract #LJ958 and Contract #LJ013 SFY 2021-2022

APPENDIX B



Board of Directors

<p>Evang. Dr. Emmett Wiseman, President/Treasurer Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Plant City SunCoast Region</p>	<p>Rev. Delwynn Williams Vice-President St. John M. B. Church Panama City Northwest Region</p>
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<p>Rev. Luke Harrigan Grace Haitian Baptist Church Pembroke Pines Southeast Region</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Marian Tucker Joy of Deliverance Vero Beach Southeast Region</p>
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