



CLERGY, CASA AND COMMUNITY

50 WAYS A FAITH ORGANIZATION CAN PARTNER WITH CASA TO SUPPORT KIDS & FAMILIES

THROUGH PRAYER

1. Pray for children & families involved in the child welfare system and the volunteers and staff who support them. View the [30 days of Prayer Calendar](#) for inspiration.

THROUGH AWARENESS

2. Recognize Blue Sunday. Blue Sunday is the last Sunday in April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Host a community day of prayer.
3. Recognize National Foster Care Month in May. Bring awareness to the need for foster families; Have current or former foster families share their journey.
4. Recognize National Reunification Month in June. Have families that have been reunified share their stories.
5. Recognize National Kinship Care Month in September - Hold a prayer focused on kinship families; Have current or former kinship families share their stories. Kinship care is when relatives foster or adopt children in their own families.
6. Recognize National Adoption Month in November. Bring awareness to the need for adoptive families for children of all ages; Have families who have adopted a child from foster care share their stories.
7. Participate in Stand Sunday. Stand Sunday is a nationally recognized day of prayer, typically on the second Sunday in November, for children & families and those who support them.

THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

8. Sign-up to become a CASA volunteer.
9. Join your local CASA program's Board of Directors.
10. If you are not ready to become an advocate, ask your local CASA program about other volunteer opportunities.
11. Ask your local CASA program for group volunteer opportunities your congregation can do together.
12. Make birthday or holiday cards for foster children and/or CASA volunteers.
13. Ask your local CASA program how you can support their annual Volunteer Appreciation Week. Ideas include donating/making a meal or sweet treats, sponsoring a game night, creating goodie bags, etc.
14. Drive families to doctor's appointments, job interviews, school, grocery or other stores, etc.

THROUGH PARTNERING WITH CASA

15. Make CASA your mission/community offering for a month or special event.
16. Consider an ongoing monthly donation to your local CASA program.
17. Participate as an exhibitor/vendor at a local event hosted by your local CASA program.
18. Ask your local CASA program to host an information table at your organization.

19. Ask your local CASA program to speak and share more about CASA with your congregation.
20. Ask your local CASA program to display a banner and information in your organization for a month.
21. Like & follow your local CASA program on social media.
22. Invite CASA to be volunteer at or help with your events.
23. Share ministry events with your local CASA program, especially for families, so we can share them with our advocates who can share with our families and foster families.

THROUGH SUPPORTING FAMILIES

24. Host a community food pantry or help an organization in your area that already has one.
25. Host a "Dress for Success" clothing drive for families needing business attire for a job or job interview.
26. Host a winter clothing or blanket drive.
27. Host a school supplies, clothing or shoe drive.
28. Host a toy/needs drive for children in foster care. Asks could include gift cards, games and books, sports equipment, craft supplies, baby supplies, items teens enjoy, etc.
29. Host a keep cool drive in the summer for fans, window air conditioners, etc.

THROUGH EDUCATION

30. Host parenting & relationship classes.
31. Host group or individual therapy sessions for families in crisis, going through change or those supporting them.
32. Host celebrations for families milestones such as sobriety, reunification, finding housing, etc.
33. Host employment skill and job finding classes.
34. Host financial literacy and budgeting classes for all age ranges including kids, teens and adults.
35. Host nutrition and cooking classes.
36. Host home or car repair classes.
37. Host English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for all age ranges.

THROUGH CHILD CARE

38. Provide free or reduced cost after-school care.
39. Provide free or reduced cost childcare for days schools are closed.
40. Provide free tutoring for kids and teens.
41. Provide meals for kids when school is closed such as dinner time, holidays, weekends and summer break.

THROUGH MINISTRY

42. Provide summer camps or scholarships for summer groups for foster youth.
43. Host family ministry & events nights such as movie nights, game nights, scripture reading nights, etc.
44. Host a parents' night out for foster families and provide free child care.
45. Provide house cleaning through a youth group or small ministry group.
46. Provide free house or car repairs to families of origin, kinship families and foster families.
47. Host ministry study classes for different groups.
48. Have a family resource table that includes information from other agencies that can support their needs, such as a local food pantry, counseling services, etc.
49. Invite speakers from different organization to share about their services.
50. Make families your focus - pray for, support and meet the needs of families in crisis, kinship families, foster families, and all other types of families.