



National Adoption Month

Resource Bundle 2025



We are excited to highlight National Adoption Month here at Fellowship Community Church this year. We pray as you hear stories of adoption, you will be moved to engage and support our families at Fellowship, who have adoption as a part of their story.

Supporting Children & Families

1. Spend time with other children in the home

- Children already in the home often struggle with the addition of a new sibling through foster care or adoption. Volunteer to help with transportation to spend 1:1 time with the siblings of the adoptee.

2. Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

- Become a volunteer mentor & advocate to a child in Colorado's welfare system.
<https://www.coloradocasa.org/>

3. Financial support for a family adopting

- Katelyn's Fund Orphan Ministry | <https://katelynsfund.org/donate/>
- Lifesong for Orphans | <https://lifesong.org/>
- Show Hope (adoption grants) | <https://showhope.org/give/>
- Many families have a GoFundMe, AdoptTogether page, or their adoption agency can accept donations that will be applied to the family's adoption.

4. Become a Respite Provider

- Respite foster parents provide short-term care for foster children (often overnight or over a weekend), offering a temporary break to the child's primary foster or adoptive parents. Collaborative Foster Care (Arapahoe-Douglas-Jefferson Counties) | <https://www.collaborativefostercare.com/>

5. Foster

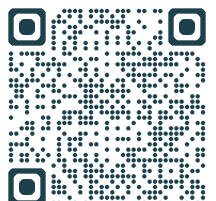
- Clarevida | <https://www.clarvida.com/colorado/foster-care/>
- Collaborative Foster Care (Arapahoe-Douglas-Jefferson Counties)
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6. Adopt

- <https://howtoadopt.org/first-steps/>
- <https://www.raisethefuture.org/adoption>
- <https://creatingafamily.org/adoption/resources/#types-adoption>
- Cherish Children Adoption International (International and Domestic) | <https://ccaifamily.org/>
- International Adoption Net | <https://www.internationaladoptionnet.org/>

7. Community Support

- Neighbor Program | <https://www.project127.org/neighborprogram.html>
- Care Portal | <https://www.careportal.org/meet-needs/church/>





Connecting Practices



BE CURIOUS

- Be Mindful of History
- Be Mindful of Attachment
- Be Mindful of Why



BALANCE NURTURE & STRUCTURE

- Use Nurture to Cultivate Trust
- Use Structure to Cultivate Growth
- Use Routines and Rituals



MEET NEEDS

- Meet Emotional Needs
- Meet Physical Needs
- Meet Sensory Processing Needs



USE SCAFFOLDING

- Set Appropriate Expectations
- Support Skill Building
- Practice Outside the Moment



TAKE PLAY SERIOUSLY

- Play to Connect
- Play to Cultivate Growth
- Play to Redirect



BE PRESENT

- Be Physically Present
- Be Emotionally Present
- Be Attuned



RESPOND THOUGHTFULLY

- Practice the Pause
- Use Communication Thoughtfully
- Use the Appropriate Redirection



GIVE VOICE

- Share Power
- Offer Choices
- Offer Compromises



REPAIR, REFLECT, READJUST

- Repair After a Rupture
- Reflect After an Interaction
- Readjust Expectations and Supports

MODEL OF CHANGE

the process for experiencing long-term transformation



INFORMATION
Knowledge



IMPLEMENTATION
Practice



TRANSFORMATION
Change

INFORMATION IS KNOWLEDGE



- Be open to learning new information and developing deeper insights.
- Change begins through continuous learning, unlearning, and relearning of ideas and habits.

IMPLEMENTATION IS PRACTICE



- Consider how to implement newly learned concepts into daily practice.
- Change continues through shifted mindsets and consistent use of new skills.

TRANSFORMATION IS CHANGE



- Recognize that transformation occurs through the implementation of new skills and practices over time.
- Lasting change requires more than a quick fix or one-size-fits-all approach.

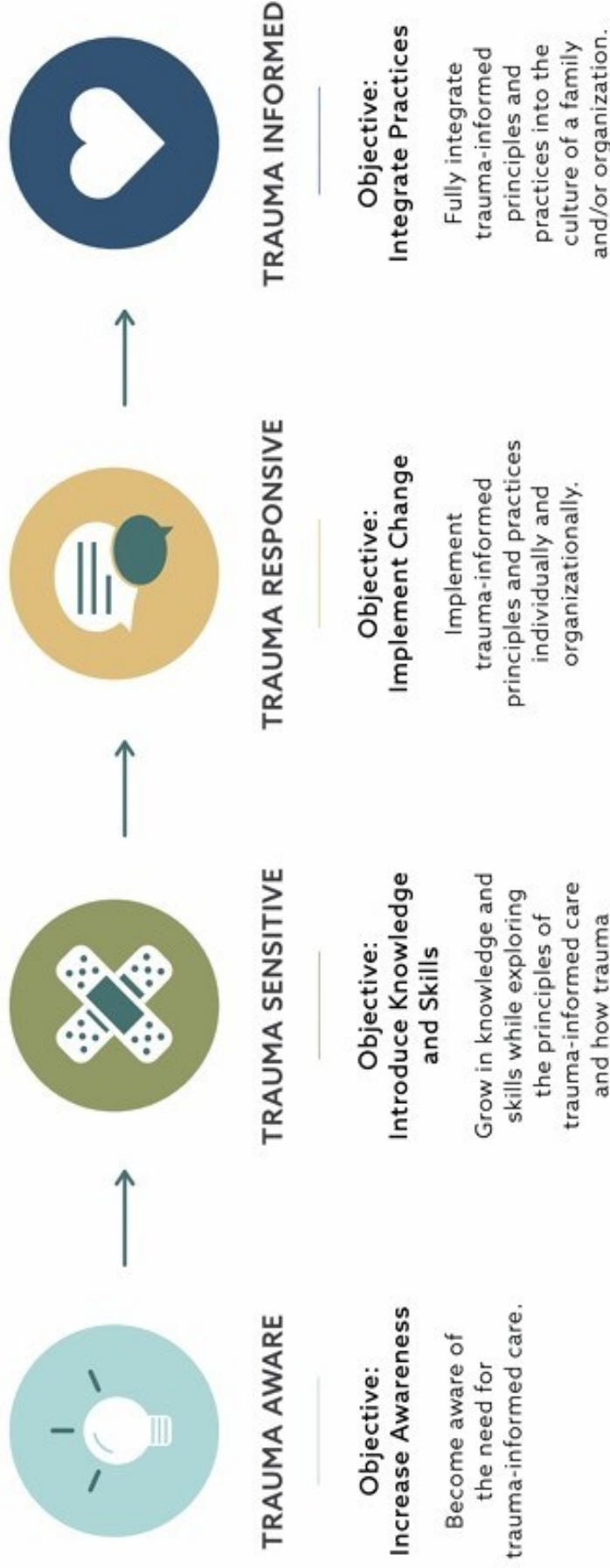


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Trauma Competency Continuum

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Phase language (i.e. trauma aware) is adopted from Missouri Department of Health and Partners (2014). Missouri Model: A developmental framework for trauma-informed.