



THE RIVERSIDE PROJECT

A collaborative initiative to inform and mobilize Houston's churches to respond strategically to the foster care crisis.

Who We Are: The Riverside Project (TRP) is an initiative by Fostering Family, a nonprofit committed to strengthening foster/kinship families and the communities that surround them through training and collaboration. Fostering Family is a "bridge network," a non-competing entity serving as a liaison between churches and other public and private organizations. As Founder and Executive Director, Amber Knowles will oversee the development of TRP with the support of the Fostering Family staff. In order to address the foster care crisis comprehensively, however, Fostering Family will also mobilize its growing network of collaborative partners (DFPS, agencies, churches, and other nonprofits).

What We Do: We have divided Harris County into 12 sectors, and we are developing a strategic framework for mobilizing churches to serve vulnerable children and families in their sector. Churches will work together with community stakeholders to meet the needs of the foster care system in their respective corners of the city.



Funding Plan: We value fiscal sustainability, so TRP is an inexpensive program by design. We do not compete with agencies for state funding; we rely upon individual and organization donors, foundation grants, and corporate sponsorships.

Our Request

We plan to launch The Riverside Project in August 2020. **We are asking church and community partners to help us raise \$60,000 to cover our first year of expenses.** These funds will cover the necessary staff hours, curriculum development, quarterly workshops with partnering churches, and an annual gathering of partners.

Learn more: **fostering-family.org/riverside**

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