

FAMILY SUPPORT

There are many ways in which local churches can offer support to families in their communities. Here we list some of the franchises, networks and projects that can be replicated in your church.

Who Let the Dads Out?

Provides ideas and resources to help churches provide space and activities for fathers and their children, as well as helping dads through courses and groups. www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk

Home for Good

Raising awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents, and equipping the Church to offer welcoming communities for children who need a home. www.homeforgood.org.uk

Marriage and parenting courses

Holy Trinity Brompton has tried and tested materials you can use to run the [Marriage Course](#) or the [Parenting Course](#) in your church. Care for the Family also offers materials for [parenting courses](#). And [Kids Matter](#) offers parenting programmes for churches to take into their communities, schools and prisons.

Care

Care encourages Christians to be informed and to engage positively in public life, with a particular emphasis on family issues such as marriage and the sanctity of life. www.care.org.uk

Pregnancy Centres Network

Supports more than 100 pregnancy centres that operate with a Christian ethos, supporting them as they in turn support those facing unplanned pregnancy. www.pregnancycentresnetwork.org.uk

TLG

The charity partners with churches to offer education mentoring for children at risk of school exclusion, and even to open and run local education centres. www.tlg.org.uk

Parent and toddler groups (Jubilee+ research)

These are one of the most frequent ways in which churches engage with their communities. Our research shows that 52% of children in England access some form of church-based parent and toddler group. More information about our findings and conclusions can be found [here](#).

Other ministries that may be of interest include:

- **Kidz Klub** – started in Liverpool, now dozens across the UK.
- **Parent Play** – a course for parents of under 5s – www.parentplay.co.uk
- **Romance Academy** – provides sex and relationships education material for youth workers – www.romanceacademy.org
- **Divorce Recovery Workshop** – materials for running a six-session group – www.drw.org.uk

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