

4PointsKids Video Script #8

We read and hear about it often – the sad and disturbing reports that our Texas foster care system is stretched to the breaking point.

Texas' long-running struggle to find enough placements for foster children persists and results in many children being housed in temporary lodging as CPS workers struggle to place the children in long term foster homes.

There are currently approximately 29,000 children in Texas foster care and close to 6,000 children who are waiting for adoption.* There are thousands of Texas children waiting for foster and adoptive homes right now.

Simply stated, there is a foster care crisis because there are not enough foster homes for our vulnerable children.

Are there no solutions to this growing problem? Is the Texas foster care system broken beyond repair?

As many as 40% of adult Americans (over 80 million) have considered parenting a child through foster care or adoption.** We know there are hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of Christ-followers who have considered opening their home to a child in need.

Solutions? Yes, and it comes through the people of God. God is raising up an army of life-giving foster and adoption parents who see this challenge as their God-given mission and calling, and an opportunity to share God's love with a child in need, potentially changing the course of that child's life.

What could be considered in insurmountable problem, is really an opportunity for God's people, his family, to be agents of God's love, mercy, and grace to a child who has found themself lost in brokenness.

Where are these potential parents? They are in our churches, and whether they may realize it or not, they are waiting for the challenge to respond.

This is the role 4PointsKids has taken on. We know God is putting it in the hearts of his people those who will say yes to the call to parent vulnerable children right in their own back yard.

The 4PointsKids mission is to help identify these parents, train them, and show them what it would mean if they decided to answer the call.

We invite you to join us in this life-changing mission. Is God calling you? If so, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and share how you can become part of the solution in providing the life-changing love of Christ to children placed in your home. Please reach out to: 4PointsKids at 4Points.life or the following QR code. Thank you for taking the first step in changing lives with the love you uniquely have to give.

* In August 2021 there were **28,753 children** in foster care in Texas and 5,925 children waiting for adoptive families.

** American Adoptions

- <u>https://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/waiting_adoptive_families</u>

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