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About Us

The Bio-Parent Advocacy Program is a new pilot program launching under Council of Churches in 2023. It seeks to serve 25+ women a year who have open Greene County Children's Division cases. The program provides support, classes, and counseling services for mothers (and fathers) as they work toward maintaining or regaining custody of their children, with a goal of increasing family reunifications and reducing time for children in care.

The Bio-Parent Advocacy Program is provided through a local grant from the Musgrave Foundation through Community Foundations of the Ozarks.



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"Motherhood is amazing and then it is really hard. And then it is incredible. And then it is everything in between. So, hold onto the good, breathe through the bad, and welcome the wildest and most wonderful ride of your life."

- Dr. Deepti Rampal

BIO-PARENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM



"Inspiring Hope
Through Compassion
& Service"

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HOW DOES A PARTICIPANT GET INVOLVED?

Entry at any point, access to classes online, and a trauma focus are important features of this program. Transportation, paperwork, shame, and long waiting lists are often significant barriers for parents in our community seeking assistance. This program is designed to allow easy access to classes and services when a client is ready for them. Participants may access the full program or only the parts that make most sense for them.

Individuals interested in finding out more or participating in the program can reach out to the Bio Parent Advocate about their unique situation and needs.

Areas of Focus

- **Rediscover Self**
- **Find Healing**
- **Understand Others**
- **Live the Best Life**

Guiding Values

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BENEFITS:

FOR CHILDREN

Greene County currently has low reunification rates, currently with a little less than half of children coming into care eventually reunited with their parents. This program seeks to provide parental support and advocacy needed to increase reunifications and encourage ongoing stability for children and their parents.

FOR PARTICIPANTS

Mothers who have Children's Division involvement often lack the support and access to services they need to provide a pathway for healing and reunification with their children. The Bio-Parent Advocacy program provides counseling services, easily accessible classes, support, and advocacy that helps provide real help and hope for mothers in difficult situations.

FOR THE COMMUNITY:

Healthy reunited families isn't just good for families; it is good for our community! By helping provide support and advocacy to keep families together or reunite them as quickly as is safely possible, we are creating a healthier and happier community.



BIO PARENT ADVOCATE SERVICES

The Bio Parent Advocacy Program provides free dignified support and resources for parents with Greene County Children's Division cases. Services include:

- 1-on-1 Counseling/Coaching
- Parenting Classes
- Healthy Relationship Classes
- Support Groups
- Support in FST Meetings & Court

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