



Enhance your Ministry to Young Families

Look at your programming for children through the eyes of a visitor! Here you will find a whole list of questions that parents of young children will have in their head or will discuss between parents when they visit your church.

TAKE ACTION: Share the results with church leadership. Note the areas where improvement is needed and commit to making at least 1 change a month for the next year!

Are there signs which direct parents to the nursery?

(Are they "inviting and kid-friendly"?)

What is your nursery like?

Is it bright? Clean? Organized?

Is there someone waiting to greet the children and sign them in?

Do you have a system for labeling diaper bags and putting name tags on kids?

Is there enough staff for the number of children in the nursery?

Is the staff trained?

How will parents be notified if there is a problem?

Many churches use projection systems for worship songs. Most of the worship software has a child notification system built right into the software, so if a child is assigned a number when signing in, and the parents are given a card that explains how they will be notified if their child needs them, a number can be projected right on the screen during the service. Check to see if you have this high tech option!

How are children treated in the worship service?

Do children participate in leading parts of the worship?

Is there a special children's message?

Are any of the worship songs specifically chosen because the kids know them?

Are there programs specifically designed for youth listed in the Sunday program?

Do you include a children's bulletin?

What does your church do to help parents?

Is there a parenting class or support group?

Is there a list of names of youth/adults who are trained and responsible babysitters?

Do you give away a certificate for an afternoon of babysitting?

Do you have a group of women who are willing to mentor young Moms?

Do you have a group of men who are willing to mentor young Dads?

How does your church help single parents?

Do you have any support for single parent families? NOTE that from 1/4 to 1/3 of families living the US are single parent families! The rate in Canada is projected to be about 1/2 the number as the US.