



Parent Ministry can look different in each church because of the uniqueness of the congregation, but all parent ministry contains a few common characteristics. The National Center for Biblical Parenting can equip your church to be a Parent Training Center. To learn more, please visit www.biblicalparenting.org/ptc.

WE DISCIPLE PARENTS

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The church views the discipleship mandate to be more than helping individuals be stronger Christ followers to the extent that people are being equipped in their roles and relationships in family life.

OUR LEADERS VALUE PARENT MINISTRY

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Leadership views parent training as a church wide discipleship goal not merely an adjunct of the children's ministry.

WE HAVE A PARENTING RESOURCE PERSON

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A person is identified in the church who is the stimulus for parent care.

7 Characteristics of a Church as a Parent Training Center

4 WE OFFER SEVERAL METHODS OF SUPPORT

A multi-faceted approach to parent support and training is available through the church using several vehicles such as online support groups, parent training meetings, family nights, resource of the month, live seminars, and/or one-on-one family mentoring.

5 PARENTS ARE OFFERED MULTIPLE ONRAMPS

Parents are aware of the onramps to the parent training programs including prayer support, resources, and mentoring opportunities.

6 WE USE PARENT TRAINING AS AN OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY

Parents outside the church learn about the parent training resources available (i.e. court mandated parent education, foster and adoptive parent education, and help for traditional and non-traditional families).

7 WE USE A BIBLICAL APPROACH

Various topics are addressed throughout the church programs including child development, parenting techniques, with the Bible applied to family life.