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# **FAMILIES FIRST: A Guide for Your Journey**

## **A Faith-Based Family Empowerment Initiative Supporting Work First Families in North Carolina**

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**Families First is a way for congregations to help Work First families**  
(families on welfare receiving cash assistance)  
**move to employment, maintain a job, and increase family stability.**

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### **Purpose:**

To provide extended family support (services plus encouragement, faith, hope, and love) to Work First families.

To foster collaboration between faith-based organizations (county-wide faith organizations, churches, mosques, synagogues) and departments of Social Services.

### **Main Strategy:**

Work First families striving to overcome poverty become partners with local congregational Faith Teams in a long-term (12-month) covenant relationship.

If your group plans to implement Families First, ideally you should send the leaders that will be conducting local trainings to a train-the-trainer conference.  
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