



**Finally Home**  
CHRISTIAN ADOPTION SERVICES

## CARING FOR CHILDREN FROM HARD PLACES:

Through years of experience, we have found that foster and adoptive families care for at-risk children that may have more needs resulting in developmental delays, academic struggles, and challenging behaviors. To meet this challenge, we desire to connect, encourage, and equip impacted families by partnering with local churches to provide the best possible training and support.

Based on a Christ-centered and clinically sound approach, we are pleased to share this announcement with you about our newest partnership and service offering:

### A NEW PARTNERSHIP: Eckerd Community Alternatives | Hillsborough

As the lead agency for community-based child welfare services in Hillsborough County, Eckerd Community Alternatives recently selected **Finally Home Christian Adoption Services** to join its contracted provider network to deliver a new suite of service offerings: *Family Strengthening Education and Post-Placement Support Services*.

These new services are now available to foster, adoptive, relative, and non-relative caregivers:

#### **Finding Healing Through Connections**

This 6 month seminar series meets monthly to provide support to families by educating them about their children's unique development and needs. This seminar is taught by Loryn Smith, the CEO of Finally Home Christian Adoption Services and expert presenter / speaker with thirty plus years of experience in the child welfare system working both professionally and personally to impact the lives of children in our area.

#### **Empowered To Connect Adoptive and Foster Parent Training.**

This 9 week training course is taught weekly in interactive small groups. The material covered in the training is based upon the Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model which equips parents with a holistic understanding of their child's needs and development, while empowering them with the tools and strategies to effectively meet those needs.

#### **Family Coaching Services**

This program assists parents in developing effective parenting strategies for children who do not respond to typical parenting approaches. A family coach will provide a full assessment of a family's parenting dynamics, taking into account the child's history, attachment patterns, and current parenting strategies. The coach will then work with the family to develop a personalized strategy with hands-on modeling of how to implement and then provide ongoing support.

## MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

### Brian and Rachell Strawser

We are excited to welcome both Rachell and Brian to our team. Serving as Family Coaches and Trainers, they will be helping to deliver the additional services we now offer.

As Biological, Adoptive, Foster Parents and Certified Trainers for the Empowered To Connect Parent Training Program and the Adoption Competency for Mental Health Professionals Program, developed by the Institute for Families at Rutgers University, they have a passion to share what they have learned in their experiences to bring hope, support, encourage, and bless other children who have been orphaned and the families who are willing to care for them.

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# Family Coaching

*Give them the tools to succeed*

## **The Need:**

- Foster and adoptive families are caring for at-risk children that may have more special needs resulting in developmental delays, academic struggles, and challenging behaviors.
- Even with the best of intentions, many families experience severe discouragement in the face of children's behaviors that go far beyond their expertise or expectations.

## **How We Help:**

- A family coach, drawing on current brain research, family connection models, and experience working with impacted children will work directly with parents of children who do not respond to typical parenting approaches.
- The family coach will conduct a full assessment of the family's parenting dynamics and develop a personalized strategy to implement proper parenting tactics.
- The family coach will provide ongoing support and feedback to maximize success.



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# Family Coaching Services

*In Partnership With*



## Who is Eligible?

- Caregivers of children in Hillsborough County who are in:

Foster Care:

placed in either a foster, relative, or non-relative home.

Adoptive Care:

adopted children from within the child welfare system.

## How do you get started?

Contact Brian Strawser at:

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*We recognize that the family unit is where relationships are built  
and the foundation for life is established.*

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance and administered by Eckerd Community Alternatives System of Care. Foreign language and sign language interpreters will be made available at no charge to the client.