



### ***Becoming a Licensed Church Partner***

In order for your church to become a licensed Families Count partner, your core team must complete a Families Count Church Training facilitated by Lifeline Children's Services. Church trainings are conducted regionally throughout the year.

Your core team should consist of:

- 1-2 Coordinators: *Coordinators manage classroom logistics, church volunteers, and relationships with Child Protective Services (CPS). Lifeline will provide ongoing support and consultation services as needed.*
- 1 Co-Leading Couple (a husband & wife): *Co-Leaders teach the 6-week parenting class. You may choose to send more than one couple through a church training, but class co-leaders should not rotate within a six-week class period.*

We recommend that a member of your church's pastoral team attends training as well. We have found this kind of top-down support can promote ministry sustainability.

After your core team has been trained, your Coordinator will receive a Families Count License Agreement and Lifeline Statement of Faith. Each of these documents must be signed by your Pastor and returned to the Families Count team. Other than training fees (\$89 per person), there is no cost to become a licensed church partner.

If you have questions about becoming a licensed Families Count church partner, please contact the Program Director at [melissa.kowieski@lifelinechild.org](mailto:melissa.kowieski@lifelinechild.org).