

**Faith Based Adoption Initiative (FBAI)**  
**Permanency Goal 2**  
**Instructions for Local Planning Teams to Use in the**  
**Development of Their 5-year Plans.**

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**Goal:** By 30 June, 2015, prior to their fiscal year, each circuit will determine their target number of finalized faith-based adoptions. Each year, this number of children will be adopted and supported (pre- and post-adoption) by families involved in a faith community.

**Critical elements or components of this initiative:**

1. Goal Formula to be used: Multiply the total number of children available for adoption and without an identified family by 25 percent.
2. Faith communities will have identified and committed post-adopt supports.
3. Potential adoptive families are targeted in the faith communities.
4. A personalized, child specific recruitment strategy will be incorporated.
5. Facilitated connections between faith community and local heart gallery.
6. Identified community-based care representatives dedicated to interacting with faith communities.
7. Coordination of effort and capacity issues addressed.
8. Faith information and messaging clearing house for faith leaders will be encouraged.
9. Information on the five protective factors will be provided to faith communities and supports built around the factors.

**The State (or responsible party) will provide:**

1. Contact information for liaisons between faith community and community-based care agencies to encourage grass roots development.
2. *Explore Adoption* materials and research to help promote public adoption.
3. Inter-faith summit educating faith leaders on promoting and supporting adoption.
4. Identified communities that have an active FBAI and facilitate sharing of best practices.
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6. Identified potential and already engaged local faith leaders.