



## Community Ministry Start-Ups:

Developing a Parent Life Ministry Model from a Juvenile Justice Ministry Model

### Purpose:

How to start a Parent Life Ministry Model in your chapter from an existing Juvenile Justice Ministry Model

### Steps:

1. Study: [Parent Life 101](#), [Parent Life PSBSs](#), [Processes Timeline](#), and [Parent Life Facts](#)
2. Contact Parent Life national lead to begin coaching: Email [parentlife@yfc.net](mailto:parentlife@yfc.net)
3. Identify expecting and parenting teens:
  - a. Juvenile Justice Agencies
  - b. Alternative schools
  - c. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - d. Child welfare agencies
  - e. Hospitals
4. Conduct a community listening tour with key stakeholders from the above common areas (Juvenile Justice Agencies, Teen Parents, churches, and other organizations) regarding the holistic needs of the young people in that neighborhood.
  - a. See [Community Listening Tour Questionnaire](#) in Knowledge Base.
5. Analyze data collected from listening tour and determine where to begin to do ministry and how to execute Parent Life in the context of that neighborhood
6. Start a prayer team to pray for parenting teens in that neighborhood
  - a. Consider having board members and Community Support Team to be part of these prayer team(s)
7. Recruit ministry leaders who are willing to invest in a Parent Life site to begin to meet holistic needs and do relational ministry with young people in that neighborhood
  - a. Recruit in pairs. Ministry Leaders feel more invested when they have someone to do ministry with
  - b. Recruit current Ministry Leaders to aid in starting new ministry site
8. Identify community partners (local churches, community centers, parent aid programs, etc.) to help provide a safe place to deepen Authentic Christ Sharing Relationships with young parents.
9. Input new Parent Life site into [YFC Impact](#)



10. Have Ministry Leaders begin to do Relational Ministry Actions Contacting, Appointments, and programming with young parents with childcare provided
11. Continue to use Ministry Process Timeline to foster growth for new Parent Life ministry site

