Dear Foster Care Advocate,

Thank you for your interest in having a *Wait No More: Preparing Hearts and Homes for Kids in Foster Care* event in your area. The first step in the process is to fill out the attached application. We are thrilled with the response we have received from organizations around the country that desire to see kids in need of temporary care placed in quality foster homes and children waiting in foster care for adoption placed in permanent families.

Our goal through *Wait No More* is to raise awareness of and recruit foster, adoptive and support families for children and youth in the foster care system. In order to do that most effectively, we evaluate states based on three main criteria:

1. State and/or county government support of this effort
2. Faith-based or faith-competent licensed child placing agencies with state contracts to place children in care as well as the capacity to handle additional families
3. Local church and pastor support to host and promote the event as well as a network of other local churches willing to help promote the event

This form serves as an overview for us to begin that evaluation process. Please fill out the form as honestly and accurately as possible, providing supplementary documentation where necessary. We will carefully review each application before final decisions are made.

Current capacities allow Focus on the Family to conduct 3-4 *Wait No More* events a year, and we want to select locations that are equipped and ready to serve families well through this whole process.

Thank you for taking the time to submit an application. Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sharen Ford
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# Application for a *Wait No More* Event

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<td>Requested event city/location:</td>
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**Is there interest on the part of state and/or county child welfare government officials to participate in *Wait No More*?**  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Don’t Know  
Please provide all relevant detail and contact information for government officials

| Are you a licensed child placing agency or organization in good standing in your state?  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No  If so, please provide a copy of your license (without proprietary information) |
| Do you have a contract to place waiting kids into foster or adoptive homes?  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No  Please provide a copy of the contract (without proprietary or financial information) |
| Does your area have an existing faith based collaborative coalition in place?  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No  If so, please provide background information and detail of others involved |

| Do the Christian placement agencies in your area have the capacity to handle an influx of new prospective foster and adoptive families?  
[ ] Yes  [ ] No  If yes, please explain |
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<td>Do you have a pastor in your community who is passionate about foster care and adoption?</td>
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<td>Do you have a reasonably large church that would enthusiastically host and help spread the word about <em>Wait No More</em>?</td>
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<td>Are you and other churches and/or organizations willing to host a pastor/church leader lunch to cast the vision for the <em>Wait No More</em> event in your community?</td>
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<td>Could you assemble 15-20 volunteers to work the day of the event, either from the host church or from the local agencies (in addition to agency staff working the event)?</td>
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Please fill out this form to the best of your knowledge and return to:

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