Children thrive in families, and families thrive in community. The CarePortal platform mobilizes a network of caring people to help connect vulnerable families back to their local community.

1. Guiding Principles for Partnership

Circles of Care
CarePortal is guided by a model we call The Circles of Care. The child is always at the center of our efforts. We believe what is best for every child is a loving family wrapped around by a local church. For this reason, we focus on building the capacity of local churches so they may provide effective care for children and families in crisis. We also establish on-ramps for businesses, individuals and people who care (included in the outer Community circle). The local church connects directly with the child or family in need.

Collaboration is critical
No single organization can do this work alone. It takes a fierce commitment to collaboration to make long-term impact.

CarePortal serves any child in crisis
Jesus cast the widest net of love, tearing down cultural biases and promoting radical, personal generosity and concern for those in need. With that example, CarePortal brings together diverse constituents - government agencies, churches, businesses, schools, and other ministries - to support children and families in crisis regardless of race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, nationality, political leanings, etc. If we find any of our partners are discriminating against the children and families they meant to unconditionally serve, they will be removed from the network.

We are ecumenically minded
CarePortal promotes unity in and among the Church and seeks to build a network across denominational, ethnic, and socio-economic lines. While we are open to the support of the other faith-based organizations, The Global Orphan Project exists to help Bible-believing Christian churches care for vulnerable children and families in their own communities. CarePortal was developed as a ministry tool to help accomplish the mission of meeting needs, making personal connections, and establishing meaningful relationships within and beyond the community of Christ-following believers.

The Grid
- **Tier 1 Requests** represent physical items or services that local churches could provide to a family. These requests would not require a background check by your agency but may require the family needing assistance to sign a release of information. (Churches may require background checks for their own responders.)
- **Tier 2 Requests** represent more relational needs of a family, provided by a church responder that first needs to complete an approval process by your agency.

- **Tier 3 Requests** address familial needs of a child or family and require responders to complete further training and licensing.

2. Commitments of Partnership

Shared Mission

CarePortal provides access, training, and support to IPs, child-serving agencies, and churches so that the communities they serve benefit in the following ways:

- **Fewer removals** of children from their homes while keeping children safe through goods, services, and support provided to birth families;
- **Improved placement opportunities for children and retention** of kinship, foster and adoptive families receiving goods and services and wrap-around support;
- **Increased caseworker satisfaction** by experiencing an effective, efficient means of obtaining needed support for children and families they serve through stronger community support;
- **Faster and easier recruitment and screening** of volunteers, foster and adoptive families through a faith-based community network;
- **Reduced or avoided costs to child welfare** by providing goods and services and supporting birth, kinship, foster, and adoptive families and improving the well-being of children and families.

Targets for Success (in each county)

Working together, CarePortal, Implementing Partners and Requesting Agencies will strive to achieve these positive outcomes:

- At least 10% of churches actively engaged
- At least 75% of requests met by churches
- Full grid implementation (Tiers 1, 2, and 3)
- Stronger connection of local churches to the community
- Economic Impact equal to at least 10 times annual IP investment

Regional and Network Implementing Partner Commits To:

- Recruit, train, and support churches
- Work effectively with all IPs in overlapping counties
- Attend CP national conferences
- Staff an Ambassador Role:
  IP will hire or assign an Ambassador to serve as the lead contact for all churches in their network. The Ambassador will be responsible for recruiting churches and coaching pastors/leaders. The Ambassador will report to IP leadership and be supported by the Regional Manager. Generally, a half-time Ambassador is needed per 50 churches.

Additionally, Regional Implementing Partners will also:

Recruit, train, and support churches
- Support Platform, Networks, and Agencies
- Lead Regional Advisory Team
- Staff an appropriate <u>Regional Manager Role</u>:
  IP will also hire or assign at least one Regional Manager (RM) responsible to provide platform, agency, and network support across the region. The roles of Ambassador and RM can be played by the same individual as workload dictates at the discretion of IP leadership. Generally, a half-time RM is needed per 50 churches.

CarePortal Commits To:

As a platform, CarePortal is used by various implementing partners that provide local support to agencies, churches, and community partners. Through this partnership, CarePortal provides:

- **Access**
  - CarePortal website, mobile app, and other technology in support of the platform
  - Unlimited user access to submit an agreed upon number of requests
  - Connection of agency partners to churches and their members, on a volunteer basis, to serve children and families in need of assistance
  - Efficient, agency-approved online application processes for volunteer recruitment and vetting (Tiers 2 & 3)
- **Training**
  - Support to the Requesting Agency by providing live platform training to staff
  - Online resources and in-person experiential training opportunities
  - Convening of local Active Community gathering for agency staff participation
- **Support**
  - Staff Area Director role
  - Advocate nationally and provide senior leadership
  - Systemic reporting
  - Provide tech support team
  - Provide marketing materials to include brand guidelines, logo usage, and URL convention

Monthly cost for Implementers:

~~$250+~~

NO COST

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