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Better Together is based out of Southwest Florida (Naples/Fort Myers). Better Together is expanding throughout the state of Florida, including Pinellas/Pasco Counties. We have served families in the Southwest Florida region and have been able to prevent over 3,100 children from entering the foster care system over the last 5 years. Our mission is to radically reduce the number of children entering foster care by providing parents with a safety net for their children in times of crisis. We connect them to vetted local volunteer families that can temporarily care for their children, to allow parents to get back on their feet. Families facing homelessness, medical emergencies, willing to seek addiction treatment but lack care for their children and other crisis situations and lack support of someone to help. Our referrals come from community partners, including the Department of Children and Families, hospitals, Shelters, treatment facilities and Schools.

In addition to our volunteers hosting kiddos temporarily, we also work directly with the parents by helping connect them to meaningful work and mentoring relationships that help them reach their full potential. They meet weekly with their mentor and work together to work toward and meet the goals set in realistic and manageable ways. And through it all, they have that friend walking alongside them providing wisdom, encouragement and motivation and to ultimately be the parent that God has called them to be.

This time is a gift and allows parents the opportunities to get back on their feet without losing custody of their children. This program keeps children safe, by preventing them from being homeless, or being left in unsafe environments. It empowers parents to make positive and productive steps to better their situation.

We also train churches to host Job Fairs and use that as an opportunity to connect volunteer Job Coaches to Job Seekers, those coaching relationships help build confidence as they interact with hiring managers.

Nearly all of Better Together's volunteers come from our church partners and could not do this work without the support and prayers from our local church communities.

Our team always has someone on call, 24/7 for emergency situations and we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and there is no cost to the families we help.

The above is just a very brief overview of our Better Together Mission. So, I encourage you to please check us out at our website and social media platforms for more information, and stories about how/who we get to serve.

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