

Nearly 70% of needs entered by Agencies into CarePortal are met by Churches. That's great! But what about the other 30%? Those are real kids. Real families. We want to always push towards 100%, as if a child's life depends upon it. What would that take?

The CarePortal system automatically escalates unmet needs to everyone in the Community who has signed-up to help. This Community consists of individuals, businesses, and other groups who are willing to help resource the meeting of needs. Each of these partners is given the chance to say "yes" to resourcing a need, but there must still be a Church at the relational point of care in meeting that need. That's where Connecting Churches come into play.

When a Community partner says "yes" to resourcing a need, the CarePortal system automatically alerts Connecting Churches near the family, giving them a chance to commit and connect with that partner. The Connecting Church owns the relational lead in meeting the needs of the family. When the community partner is offering a tangible item to help meet the request, such as a bed, the Connecting Church can arrange for the pick-up and use it to go meet and make a connection with the family. If the community partner is offering to donate money, maybe to pay a bill or provide money to buy a thing that is needed, the same connections are made, and the money is released to a reloadable CarePortal Debit Card issued to the Connecting Church.

Why do it this way?

CarePortal is 100% committed to helping the Local Church be at the point of care for vulnerable children and families. That's our Assignment. As a connecting church, you have the amazing opportunity to make meaningful connections with Community partners who are giving, and with the children and families you are serving. Doesn't get much better than that!

What activity level is expected?

The targeted activity level is 1-2 needs per week, if/as such needs are funded. The goal is to have many Connecting Churches serving with excellence in a highly localized manner.

What geographic radius will a Connecting Church cover?

The Connecting Church decides along with the CarePortal Regional Manager. We want this to work very well with the Connecting Church's ministry vision and capacity.

Why a CarePortal Card?

This card helps money flow easily, allowing Connecting Churches to focus on relationships. When a Community responder donates to our CarePortal Fund to cover a particular need, the Connecting Church that commits to meeting that need has the funds loaded to their CarePortal Card. We handle the donation and tax donation letters to keep things simple for both the Connecting Church and anyone who offers to help.



Ready to become a Connecting Church?

Log in to CarePortal and change the Connecting Church setting to "apply ." You'll be prompted to assign a point person to lead this ministry effort and provide the necessary information for your CarePortal card. The CarePortal team will review your request and after approval, your CarePortal card will be sent in the mail and your point person will begin seeing emails from responders in the community who want to partner with your church to meet needs.