

A photograph of a man and a young child smiling and laughing together outdoors. The man is on the left, looking towards the child on the right. The background is a bright, sunlit area with green foliage, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is joyful and warm.

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Beautiful Orphanage Dream

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The role of the
church in the
deinstitutionalization
of children.

The role of the church in connecting children to families



**The early church
was known for
caring for the
vulnerable.**



The orphanage
is a recent
concept.

**2 - 8 million
children and
youth in
institutions**



Important to Remember

1.

The church
did what the
governments
did not do

2.

Not all
children's
homes are
evil

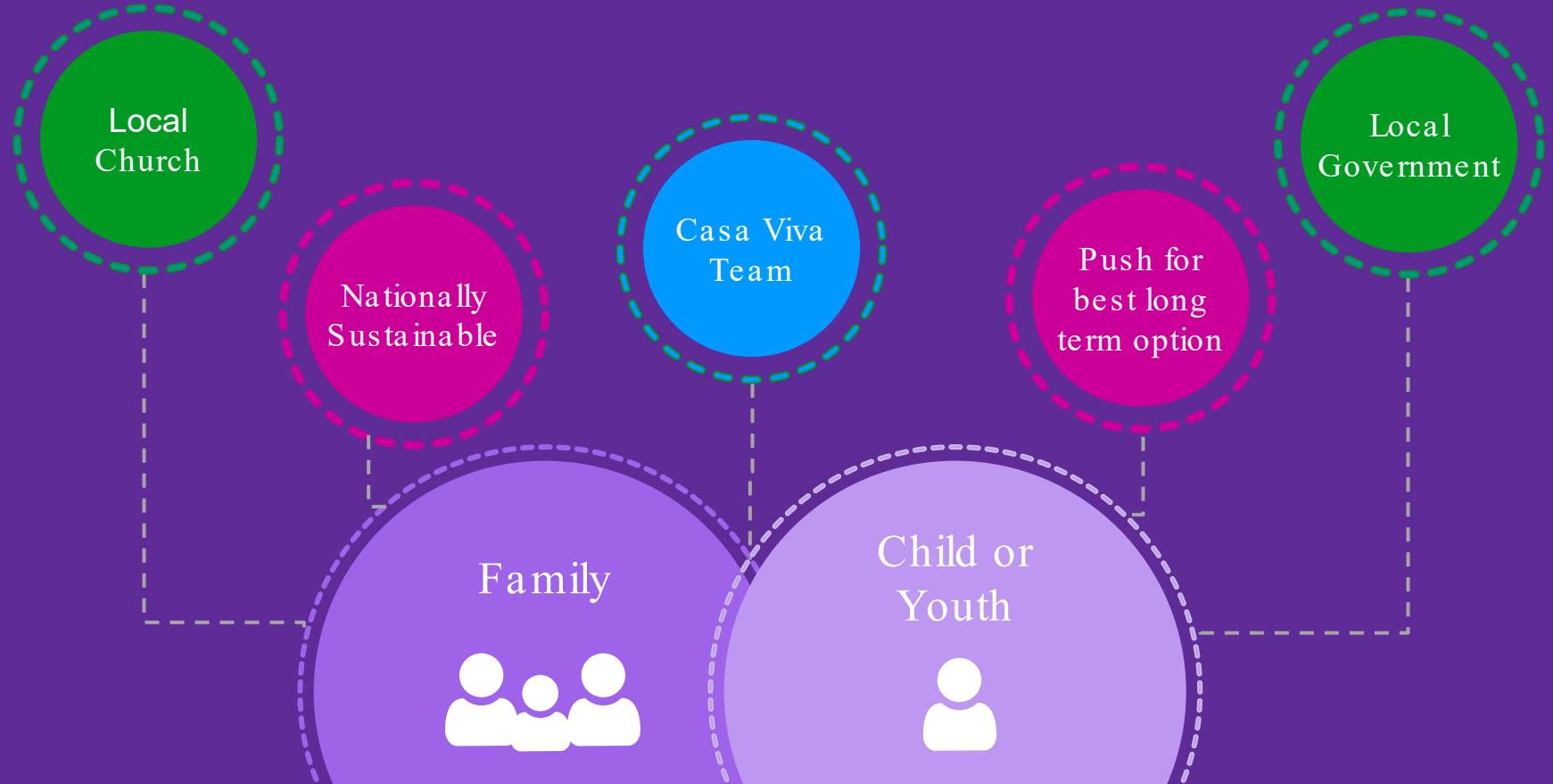
3.

The church
implemented
the best
model
available

**The Church
has an
incredible
opportunity**



Casa Viva Model



A photograph of a woman with dark hair, smiling warmly while holding a young girl. The girl is wearing a blue denim dress over a pink shirt and has her arms around the woman's neck. They are standing on a street with colorful buildings in the background. The text 'How can orphanages expand their services toward family?' is overlaid on the right side of the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

How can
orphanages
expand their
services
toward family?

**I do not work in an orphanage.
I work in a program
that acts in the best
interest of children
and youth.**



**Who is
this child?**

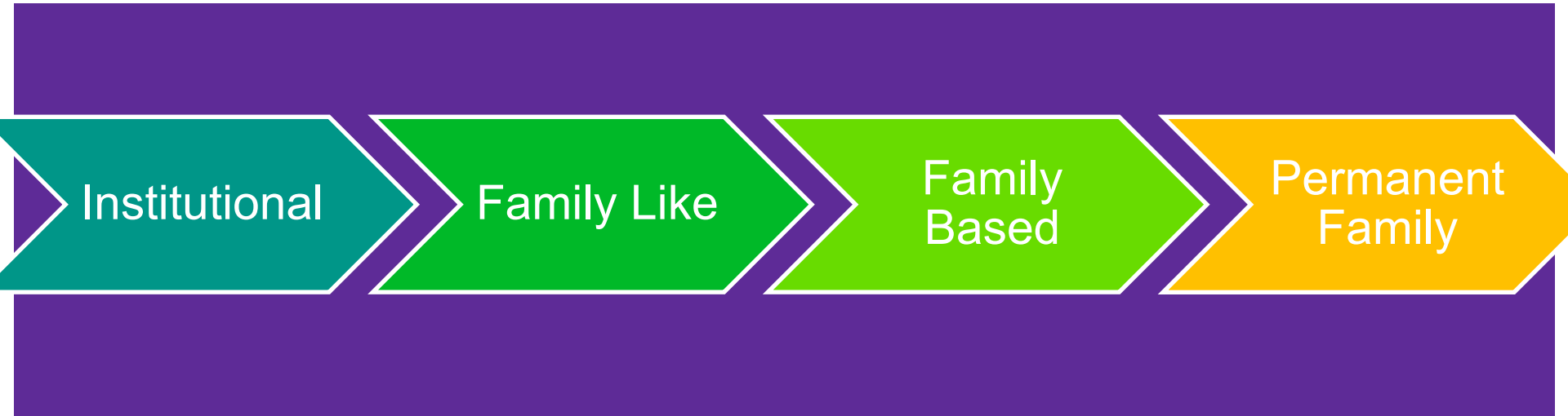
A close-up portrait of a young boy with dark skin and short, dark hair. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth, including a noticeable gap where a tooth is missing. He is wearing a blue collared shirt under a grey jacket. The background is a warm, out-of-focus bokeh of yellow and orange light. On the right side of the image, there is a solid purple vertical bar containing white text.

**What
does this
child need?**

Children who don't form **strong connections** with a single adult as a child grow up to be adults who can't form connections.

We don't just operate a
children's home. We are
willing to develop
any program to help
children or youth.

Moving the solution toward family



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220 children
“warehouse”

Institution

Permanent
Family



Unidos por Cristo - 2020

~~220 children in
"warehouses"~~

75 children in
group homes

14 children in
foster care

~100 reunified with
bio or ext family

2 children in
adoption processes

Institutional

Family Like

Family
Based

Permanent
Family



Instit

manent
family

Por los Niños - 2020

~~40 children in
group homes~~

16 children in
group homes

6 children in
foster care

15 reunified with bio
or ext family

Working with 59
families

Institutional

Family Like

Family
Based

Permanent
Family



Familia Lightshine - 2015

~~12 children in a group home.
Plan to build more~~

68 children in foster care in Chihuahua.
9 in Durango.
Starting in Juarez.

15 reunified with bio or ext family
2 children in adoption processes

Institutional

Family Like

Family Based

Permanent Family



1. Do not dismiss the church



2. Church and government
can work together



**3. Invite churches to a
new way of caring for children**

A young girl with blonde hair is running down a narrow, cobblestone street in a historic town. The street is flanked by tall, colorful buildings in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The sun is shining brightly from the end of the street, creating a warm, golden glow. The girl is wearing a patterned shirt and dark pants, and she is captured in a dynamic pose as if running towards the camera.

celebrate

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