

Special Needs Parenting Ministry
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Have you been entrusted by God to raise a child with special needs? You are not alone.

Special Needs Parenting Cohort

Along with the blessings, there are particular challenges that come with parenting kids with special needs. Those challenges can be overwhelming and isolating. This year-long cohort is designed to connect, encourage, and resource PSWC pastors and spouses who have children with special needs through two overnight retreats; and monthly virtual meetings for pastors, for ministry spouses, and with prayer partners. We seek to:

- *Reduce isolation among pastors parenting children with special needs by providing a safe space to connect regularly with and be supported by peers.
- *Support families by facilitating relationships and offering parenting resources.
- *Increase resilience as pastors and ministry spouses expand their support network and deepen their anchor in God.
- *Grow appreciation for the gifts that people with disabilities and special needs bring to the church, to society, and even to our families.

The kickoff retreat will be in September 2019. Space is limited to eight clergy couples or single parents. No cost except travel to the retreats. To participate, please complete the application below by July 15, 2019:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VottFrEOo31N5w8nlEg2qGvZtY7c4I8IQc5H2gpgrC8/edit?ts=5ca56121>

Does your church desire to better serve families with children with special needs? Our live interactive webinar can help equip your church for more effective ministry.

Wednesday Webinar – September 4, 2019 noon – 1:15PST

Growing a Culture of Inclusion

Autism, ADHD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, developmental and learning disabilities... Approximately 12% of children have special needs, but many churches are ill-equipped to minister well to these children and families. Join Jean Cheng Gorman, PSWC Director of Ministerial Health, and Bronwyn Murphy, Inclusion Coordinator at UCC-Davis, to learn how to grow a culture of inclusion within your church that embodies the gospel for all.

No cost. Register by emailing jean.chenggorman@pswc.org.