

Life in Limbo

An interactive workshop that takes participants on a journey through foster care, giving them the opportunity to step into the shoes of birth parents, foster parents, and children in foster care. It is an impactful role-play experience that builds empathy for all affected by the child welfare system.

Time:

Life in Limbo runs 1.5-2 hours, which includes a debrief after the experience.

Participants:

Life in Limbo can accommodate 15-200 participants. The workshop is for any audience. It was written for people who don't know much about foster care, but is also beneficial for those who know a lot but want to experience a different perspective. It is ideal for those working with children or families touched by the child welfare system and who want to gain a better understanding of what their lives are like so they can better serve and advocate for them.

Due to the emotional weight of the experience, children are not allowed to participate. Mature teenagers, supervised the entire time by adults who know them well, may participate. The adults must be informed of their own responsibility to monitor teen reactions.

Cost:

- \$200 to Hands of Hope (helps to offset cost travel, preparation, and facilitator license)
- Additional funds for light snacks and drinks for attendees (see below)

Host Responsibilities:

- Reserve a space and time for the workshop. Please make the reservation for 1 hour before the start time and at least 30 min after. (For example, if the event is at to start at 7pm, please reserve the space from 6 - 9:30 pm)
- Promote within your church or organization
- Provide at event:
 - Light snacks, drinks & paper products (ie: cookies, trail mix, chips, water, tea)
 - Chairs for participants, 4 tables
 - Microphone for each facilitator (if more than 30 people)
 - *Note: No screen is needed

Hands of Hope will provide:

- Flyers, social media image and other promotional material
- Promote to community/other area churches (optional)
- Online registration form and registration management (optional)
- Trained facilitator(s) - one facilitator is needed for every 50 participants.
- Interactive props
- Certificate of completion for all participants
- Post-event survey of participants

