

Stewarding Power & Presence

Introduction:

As you begin implementing change, your team will need to thoughtfully consider power, presence, and influence within your congregational community. As visible members within the congregation, you need to recognize the power inherent in your position and steward it on behalf of the children for the sake of your community.

Economics of Power:

People hold influence within community because of formal roles or titles, specialized skills, charismatic personalities or financial contributions.

Who are the people in your community that steward significant influence?

Who in your community has social influence among the children (both other children, young adults, parents, volunteers, etc.)?

Who holds influence in regards to children's ministries and children's presence in the congregation?

Are there any people of influence who seem particularly opposed to changes in approaches to children's role in the community?

Do you, as a member of the triad team, feel like you have the level of influence necessary to implement changes? Are you expecting something reasonable from yourself? If not, can you articulate what additional influence or power you would need to be successful?