

What is MOPS?

The purpose of MOPS is to nurture every mother of preschoolers by meeting her distinct needs to the glory of Jesus Christ.

MOPS exists for EVERY mom -urban-suburban, and rural moms, stay-at-home and working moms, teen, single, and married moms- moms with different lifestyles who all share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be!

MOPS is about...

- Celebrating Motherhood
- Meeting Needs
- Making Connections
- Experiencing God's Love

...through relationships and resources

MOPS accomplishes this purpose primarily through groups like this one which provide a caring atmosphere for today's mothers of young children.

THE MOPS STORY

Eight women. The number was small, but the need was great. The first MOPS meeting took place in February 1973 in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. For two hours these mothers talked, laughed, ate, passed a basket for childcare expenses, had a craft demonstration and ended with a short devotional. In this humble beginning, the seeds of the MOPS concept and format were planted. Through friendship, creative outlets, and instruction, the women began to understand that "mothering matters." Today, the same needs for significance are met in much the same way in MOPS groups across the United States and around the World.

From the beginning, women in MOPS were not content to be spectators. Through MOPS, they found an opportunity to discover and cultivate their leadership gifts. As women moved around the country, they took the concept of MOPS with them, and new groups formed.

Growth began as word spread in churches, conventions, and magazine articles that explained this unique new program. Inquiries and requests for information became more frequent, and MOPS printed a handbook. Office space moved from a desk in a family room to a rented office.

In 1981, MOPS established a Board of Directors and incorporated first as MOPS Outreach, and later as MOPS, Inc. As interest mushroomed,

leadership training began. One hundred and fifty women from five states gathered in 1982 for the first all day MOPS leadership seminar.

In 1988, MOPS expanded beyond US borders and was renamed MOPS International, Inc. to reflect the international impact of the ministry. As MOPS grew, so did the need for a chartering process, additional resource materials, and a paid staff. The Board hired Elisa Morgan as the first president of the organization in 1989.

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