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mnADOPT Insider

Who is MN ADOPT?

Check back monthly to learn a little more about us and our organization!



Meet Wendylee!

What is your role at MN ADOPT?

At the present time, I am the Education Program Coordinator, which I enjoy very much. My role is to work with Minnesota tribes and counties to set up training for their foster parents in our FosterEd program. I also am involved in arranging training for adoptive parents and professionals through our AdoptEd program. I have a strong commitment to providing training in support of families and professionals living and working with youth in the world of foster care and adoption. As an adoptive parent of 35 years, I feel that the more we know, the better things are for families and children!

How long have you been at MN ADOPT?

I started my work life at MN ADOPT 18 years ago as the Training Coordinator and have had a variety of roles within the organization over the years. I am happy to have come full circle back to the Education area. I also take delight in speaking on behalf of our organization and mission, raising awareness of the many Minnesota children in need of safe, nurturing, permanent homes.

What do you like to do for fun when you are not working?

I enjoy reading and watching mystery-type television series, especially those set in Great Britain. Also, I love to travel ~ a road trip is my favorite way to see our beautiful state and country.

Program Highlight

Post-Adoption Navigator

The Post-Adoption Navigator connects with adoptive and kinship families who have recently adopted a child through Minnesota foster care or completing a TPLPC, to share information on resources and support services available to help your family thrive now and into the future.

We will reach out to your family after the adoption/TPLPC is finalized and throughout the first year to help address questions you may have and share information on resources available to you.



[Learn More](#)



Upcoming Events

7th Annual Minnesota Twins Adoptee Night

Mixed Roots Foundation presents a very special night for all who are touched by Adoption & Foster Care.

We will have limited free tickets available. Click the link below to be considered. Otherwise you can purchase tickets via the Mixed Roots Foundation website.

When: July 24, 2019

Game Time: 7:10 pm

Where: Target Field, Minneapolis

Who: Twins Vs Yankees

[Sign up](#)

Resource Corner

FOSTER on HBO

With one in eight American children suffering a confirmed case of neglect or abuse by age 18, there are currently more than 400,000 children in foster care in the U.S., a number that continues to grow each year.

Drawing on unprecedented access, *FOSTER* explores the often-misunderstood world of foster care through compelling stories from the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, the largest county child welfare agency in the country.

[Watch](#)

Community Connections

Lexington Floral

We were thrilled to partner with Lexington Floral in May. A beautiful bouquet was created as their "Give Back Bouquet". 20% of proceeds were donated to MN ADOPT, nearly \$400 raised. THANK YOU, Lexington Floral!

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We Need Your Help!



Back-To-School Shopping Event

Join us in giving 200 MN foster kids a back-to-school shopping opportunity! We are teaming up with the MN Sheriffs' Association statewide to shop with our children in foster care.

Be part of our team to give kids a shopping trip to remember!
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