

# December 2019

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## mnADOPT Insider

### Happy Holidays from MN ADOPT!

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## Who is MN ADOPT?

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



### Meet Jolie!

#### What is your role at MN ADOPT?

I am the IT Coordinator. I manage the MNADOPT website as well as coordinate and upgrade the State Adoption Exchange (SAE) database. I'm also in charge of the office hardware and software. I really appreciate the creative side of my job and hope to get back to shooting more episodes of 'In Our Own Backyard' (a MN ADOPT series highlighting families who have adopted in Minnesota).

#### How long have you been at MN ADOPT?

Since 2006. My first role was identifying therapists for what is now our extensive adoption competent Therapist Network. For a few years I entered families on the State Adoption Exchange, a beginning step toward adopting Minnesota's Waiting Children. And now my role at MN ADOPT is the website and SAE management.

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

I really enjoy photography. Since our daughters are now grown, my

## Program Highlight

### Zero Kids Waiting



The MN ADOPT Zero Kids Waiting (ZKW) Program focuses on recruiting families for children in foster care by providing general information about adoption and foster care as well as resources for kinship families. Today there are over 900 Minnesota children in foster care in need of an immediate, permanent family. Our mission is to reduce the number of children waiting in foster care by providing services in the following ways:

- **State Adoption Exchange (SAE)** - This is a statewide tool that helps match children with prospective adoptive parents. Also included is the Meet the Kids page (link below).
- **Recruitment Focus** – Our Recruitment Coordinator works to raise awareness of Minnesota’s Waiting Children in the hopes of increasing permanency for youth in foster care.
- **General Adoption Information** – Our Adoption Information Specialist provides guidance and direction on next steps to prospective adoptive families who inquire about Minnesota’s Waiting Children.
- **Fostering Network** – Our Foster Care and Kinship Specialist provides information and resources on becoming a foster parent or kinship provider.

[Meet the Kids](#)

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***"Calming the Holidays for Children with Sensory Differences"  
with presenter Kari Fletcher***

Learn strategies for “calming the holiday” chaos at home, at family gatherings, at school and in the community for children with sensory and neurological differences.

## Resource Corner

### Holiday Season

(click the pictures)



Holiday Support: A great message from a trusted national resource



101 Ideas for Holiday Family Fun around the Twin Cities! [resources.](#)

## Community Connections



**Dakota**  
child and family clinic



MN ADOPT was honored to recognize Dakota Child and Family Clinic as a recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award at Circus of the Heart.

Founded in 2012, Dakota Child and Family Clinic is a non-profit health care clinic in Burnsville that serves the health needs of children and adults regardless of their ability to pay. Care is modeled within the Nurse Practitioner framework of patient-centered, high quality, holistic, and culturally inclusive. In addition to serving children and families, Dakota Child and Family Clinic has a mission to be a resource to the community and to

provide educational opportunities for health professionals.

Dakota Child and Family Clinic has a reputation for excellence in supporting adoptive families that are experiencing trauma, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and other needs. They do this in a way assists that addresses immediate needs, while at the same time providing information and education that will be valuable well into the future.

Learn more about Dakota Child and Family Clinic

## Giving Tuesday December 3



A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our work on GiveMN. For those that didn't get a chance, you can still have an impact by making a contribution on Giving Tuesday December 3rd.

There are no fees to donate through Facebook (link below), and the first 7 million dollars worth of total donations will be matched beginning at 7:00am CT (5am PT)

This is a great opportunity to support the work we do in providing information, education and support to the Minnesota adoption, foster care and kinship communities.

Help us reach our goal of Zero Kids Waiting!

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