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Keep reading to stay informed on events and happenings at Foster Adopt Minnesota, as well as information about our programming and ways you can help with our mission of finding and strengthening Minnesota adoptive, foster care, and kinship families.

Support our work

# MN ADOPT is now Foster Adopt Minnesota

## New Name. Same Services.

As we start a new year, we are excited to also begin this chapter of our organization. For 43 years, we have focused on ensuring every Minnesota child has a safe and nurturing family, and we're looking forward to continuing this work under the name Foster Adopt Minnesota.

In recent years, we have continued to expand our work, with an increased focus on services designed to strengthen support for Minnesota's foster and kinship communities. With this expansion, it became clear we needed a name that better reflects the scope of our work and that is more welcoming to all the communities we support.

## Hear from Rachel, Foster Adopt Minnesota's Executive Director, about this new and exciting chapter of our organization.



Check out our site





#### **Twin Cities Live Interview**

#### Let's Talk About What's in a

#### Name

We have had several brand identities as an organization. Hear from Executive Director, Rachel, and Communications & Marketing Coordinator, Jackie about our recent rebranding.



For over 40 years we've partnered with KSTP-TV and Twin Cities Live to help find homes for children in foster care. We are grateful for our partnership and the opportunity to speak with Kelli Hanson about our big news.



# **Meet the Kids**



Elliston is such an easy kid to spend time with. He is brilliant and kind and it is truly a pleasure for anyone that gets to know him!

-Jory, Elliston's Recruiter

zero kids waiting



This 16-year-old is a talkative, outgoing, funny, and helpful teen who enjoys making conversation. He likes playing basketball, football, and is currently taking a boxing class at school, which he loves! Elliston is excellent at solving Rubik's Cubes and can finish them in minutes. He is a great singer and enjoys

singing along to the car radio. Elliston likes reading and would like to have a good library in his area.



# Social Justice, Race and Equity Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History month, a time to recognize achievements, contributions and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history. The below resources provide opportunities to honor the Black community through learning, celebration and support.

## Learn about Black History

Carter G Woodson - The Man Behind Black History Month: <u>https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/celebrating-black-history-month</u>

Documentaries related to Black History: <u>https://watch.historyvault.com/topics/black-history</u>

Black History Month Guide for Educators and Families: <u>https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/</u>

## Support Black-Owned Businesses

Where to support Black-owned business in the Twin Cities: <u>https://mspmag.com/arts-and-culture/black-owned-businesses-in-the-twin-cities/</u>

Oprah's List of Black-owned business to support: <u>https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/a32731286/black-owned-businesses/</u>

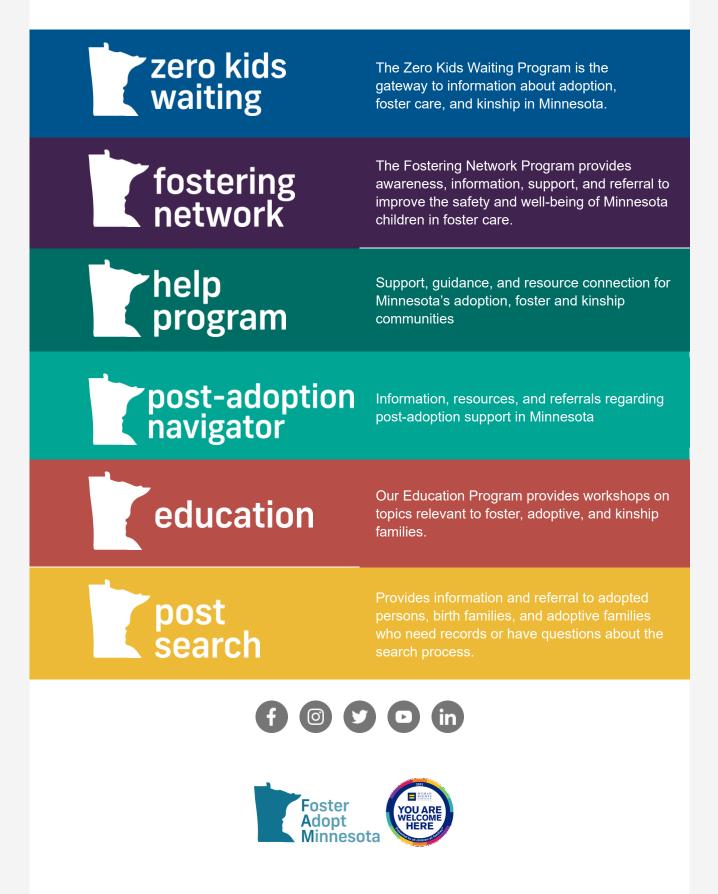
## **Events and Celebrations**

Ideas for celebrating Black History Month with kids: <u>https://mcm.org/kid-friendly-ideas-for-celebrating-black-history-month/</u>

Twin Cities Events<u>https://www.minneapolis.org/calendar/holidays/black-history-month/</u>

Online Events: <u>https://blackhistorymonth.gov/</u>

# Our name has changed, but our services remain the same.



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