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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.*

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## Get to Know Us



## Meet our Education Team!

For our latest podcast series, Kris asked our Spring Summit presenters a very controversial question... What do you prefer... pizza 🍕 or tacos 🌮?!

Now, it's time for the education team members to answer the question (left to right):

**Kris:** *I love both, but I can eat pizza at all hours of the day, so pizza wins.*

**Stephanie:** *Pizza!*

**Kayla:** *Tacos! My first job was at a Mexican restaurant after all.*

**Suni:** *Bulgogi Pizza!*

### **What does the Education Team enjoy about their positions at FAM?**

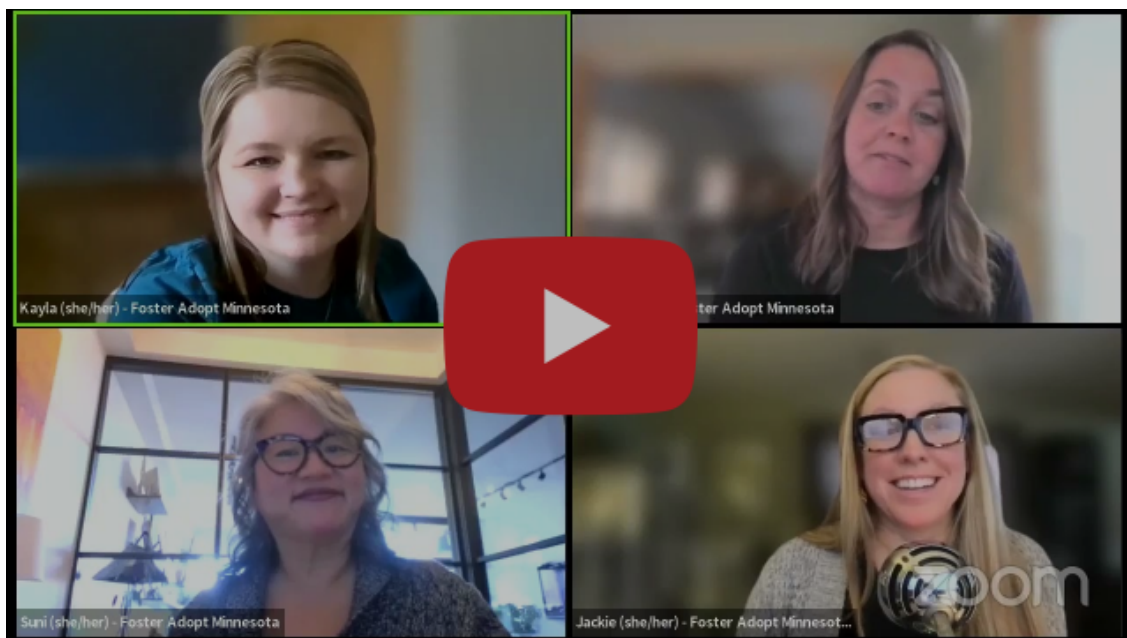
*There are many things we enjoy about being part of the Education team here at FAM: pulling levers in the background of webinars and trainings, working towards a common goal of helping parents understand their foster and adopted children, and working with one another. Something that is so rewarding, is working with passionate and caring people who carry out their mission with conviction.*

*We love working with those who yearn for the justice and safety of children – their fervor spills over and fills us up. Working with seasoned charitable-driven professionals is so gratifying.*

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## **FAM Education Presents: Spring Summit**

Listen in on what to expect for our 3-day Spring Summit starting April 11! We have 13 FREE workshops geared towards adoptive, foster and kinship families and the professionals that serve them. Learn more and register:



[Learn about the sessions](#)

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## FAM Upcoming Events



### 5K for Foster Care!

We're back raising money for kids in foster care. Join us on May 7th for a walk or run. Bring your kids, dogs, friends, colleagues, everyone you know!

We'll have games, snacks, DJ music and more! Will we see you there?

[Sign up today!](#)

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## Meet the Kids

Meet Destiny and Desire 🤝



**Destiny - 12** is social, smart, mature, and a big helper around the house. She enjoys getting to know new people and spending as much time as she can outdoors and staying active. Destiny enjoys participating in dance and learning new things. Destiny's favorite restaurant is Golden Corral.

**Desire - 8** is determined, fun loving, and very energetic. She enjoys drawing, make-up, learning new things, and sharing with others about what she's learned. Desire loves to eat and is not picky when it comes to food. She also enjoys participating in dance with her sister Destiny.

Destiny and Desire need a structured and caring family that can support their racial identities and give them one-on-one attention. They would prefer to live in the Metro area.

Following adoption, Destiny and Desire would need to maintain contact with their siblings.

Only MN families are being considered at this time.

[Learn More](#)

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## Resource Corner



### Alcohol Awareness Month

#### **Proof Alliance**

MN's go-to resource for a "full range of education, awareness and support around fetal alcohol spectrum disorders."

<https://www.proofalliance.org/support/>

**Upcoming Proof Alliance Caregiver Conference** May 18-19, 2023 in Brooklyn Center – Scholarships available!

<https://www.proofalliance.org/events/proof-alliance-caregiver-conference/>

**Foster Adopt MN** webinars on parenting support for FASD's

<https://www.fosteradoptmn.org/education/webinar-library/webinars-topic/#1608753536491-8969cc58-fd92>

### Autism Awareness Month

#### **MN Autism Resource Portal**

Easy to use hub for comprehensive resource connection, news and upcoming events

[Home Page / Minnesota Autism Portal \(mn.gov\)](#)

**Upcoming Autism Resource Symposium** April 12, 2023 for youth and adults with autism, parents, caregivers and professionals



[Autism Resource Symposium returns April 12, 2023 \(mn.gov\)](https://mn.gov/autism-resource-symposium-returns-april-12-2023)

**Foster Adopt MN** resources related to intersection of autism, adoption and foster care topics

<https://www.fosteradoptmn.org/?s=autism>

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## Community Connections



### Support from Proof Alliance

Proof Alliance delivers a full range of education, awareness and support around fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, or FASD. Services encompass prevention, knowledge, diagnosis and ongoing help.

[Learn More](#)

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## 5th Annual Back-to-School Fundraiser



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# FOSTER ADOPT MINNESOTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT

Foster Adopt Minnesota is raising money for children in foster care. Our goal is to provide children in foster care with a shopping trip that will build the confidence they

need to succeed in school.

You can help! We are asking for your support to make this event a success. Your donation will go to children in foster care, so they can pick out clothing, shoes, tech gear or any other essential items to start their new school year. This experience means the world to children with limited opportunity.

With your help, we can give Minnesota children in foster care the confidence they need to succeed in school and in life. Your donation, no matter how small, can make a big difference in the life of a child.

Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community.

[Give today](#)

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## Social Justice, Race and Equity

### Trans Day of Visibility

Transgender and gender non-conforming people are often spoken of in the context of struggle, whether it's fighting to protect their rights from legislators or being victims of violence. But trans people do beautiful things every day, and they should be acknowledged outside of grief and loss. They exist, too, in joy and in love, creating art, making a difference, parenting, playing, building, and growing.

March 31st was Transgender Day of Visibility, and its purpose is to highlight trans communities, and their contributions to our world. So we pause, and we celebrate our trans loved ones, for our world is more beautiful and whole with their existence.

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



The Zero Kids Waiting Program is the gateway to information about adoption, foster care, and kinship in Minnesota.



The Fostering Network Program provides awareness, information, support, and referral to improve the safety and well-being of Minnesota children in foster care.



Support, guidance, and resource connection for Minnesota's adoption, foster and kinship communities



Information, resources, and referrals regarding post-adoption support in Minnesota



Our Education Program provides workshops on topics relevant to foster, adoptive, and kinship families.



Provides information and referral to adopted persons, birth families, and adoptive families who need records or have questions about the search process.



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