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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

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# NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH



## Foster parents needed!

In MN 2022 [[DHS Foster Care Fact Sheet](#)]:

- Approximately 7,700 children and young adults were in out of home care on any given day
- Approximately 12,400 children and young adults experienced out of home care throughout the year
- ~ 72% of children in care were 4 years old or older
- ~ 64% of children were living in Greater Minnesota

There are approximately 3,700 licensed foster homes in MN currently, and we'd love to see that number grow.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, please reach out to [kyoung@fosteradoptmn.org](mailto:kyoung@fosteradoptmn.org), or submit our [Foster Care Inquiry Form](#) to get connected to agencies near you.

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# Foster Care Resources

## FAM Resources:

### [Foster Care 101 Podcast Series](#)

This series includes topics beneficial to anyone exploring or providing foster care. These podcasts are specifically designed for potential foster and kinship providers, or foster parents currently providing care.

### [Pre-recorded webinars on Foster Care](#)

### [Foster Care FAQ's](#)

## Educational Resources for Foster Parents:

### [Supports for Foster Parents](#)

### [Parenting Resources for Foster Parents](#)

### [Navigating the Child Welfare System as a Foster Parent](#)

### [Birth Parent/Foster Parent Relationships to Support Family Reunification](#)

### [National Foster Parent Association](#)

### [Foster Parent College Training](#)

### [Foster the Love \(supplies in MN\)](#)

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## Get to Know Us



**Q: Pull your phone out. What are the top 5 emojis you use?**

- Mary: 😎 😊 😊
- Jackie: 😏 😭 😊 😂 😎
- Kim S: 😊 😏 🙌 😭 😊
- Stephanie: 🙌 😊 😊 ❤️
- Kayla: 😂 😊 😭 🙌
- Kris: 🙌 😊 😊
- Suni: 🙌 🙌 ❤️ ❤️ 👍 👤
- Gail: 😊 😭 🌸 🙌 ❤️
- Danielle: 🙌 😊 😭 😭
- Brittani: 😊 🐱 😊 🙌 😊
- Christina: ❤️ 🙌 ❤️ 😊 ❤️
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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!](#)

## Live Storytime

Join us on Thursday, May 25th at 1 PM for a LIVE Storytime with Author, Jeanette Yoffe on our [Facebook page](#). Jeanette is also the founder and clinical director of Yoffe Therapy.

Jeanette will be reading her book, "What is Foster Care".

LIVE STORYTIME

Author Jeanette Yoffe

Thursday, May 25th  
1 PM (CST)

facebook.com/fosteradoptmn

What is Foster Care?  
written by Jeanette Yoffe  
Illustrated by Devika Jogtekar

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## Meet the Kids

Meet Fernando 🙌



**Fernando, 16**, is a respectful and outgoing youth who enjoys spending time with his friends, playing sports and video games. He likes to be involved at school and is a part of a variety of clubs and sports activities. Fernando's goal is to complete high school and enroll in an American Indigenous Studies program in college.

Fernando would do well in a family that supports his racial identity and is willing to learn more about the Native American culture.

Following adoption, Fernando will need to maintain contact with his siblings.

ICWA applies, however all families are being considered at this time.

[Learn More](#)

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## Community Connections

## 5K Sponsors

We can't thank our sponsors enough! We're able to bring you a FANTASTIC event because of their generous support.



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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

### Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage month, a time to pay tribute to the impact and contributions that these communities have had on our country, as well as to acknowledge the challenges that Asian Americans are experiencing with increasing levels of harassment, racism, and hate crimes.

The resources included below provide opportunities to learn, celebrate and support the AAPI communities.

[History of AAPI Month](#)

[Celebrations and Activities](#)

[Support Local AAPI Businesses](#)

## 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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