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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

Get to know us



Q: What is your favorite summer activity?

- ☀ Quiet evenings on the patio with my family and dogs - *Rachel*
- ☀ Camping at the Blue Ox music festival in Eau Claire WI - *Mary*
- ☀ Fishing on the lake, long summer evenings, and taking outdoor photos without having to wear a coat. Overall, just enjoying it not being winter. - *Jolie*
- ☀ Sitting on my deck, reading a book, with my dogs at my feet - *Jackie*
- ☀ Relaxing in the pool in our backyard. - *Margo*
- ☀ Going to the lake...any lake and hiking. - *Kim S*
- ☀ Kayaking! - *Kim Y*
- ☀ Going to the MN State Fair! - *Kayla*
- ☀ Just being outside... anything and everything! - *Kris*
- ☀ Fishing 🐟 - *Suni*
- ☀ Paddleboarding! Still learning :) - *Heather*
- ☀ I love all things summer and all the fun activities that go with it. But perhaps one of the things I love most about summer is the long hours of daylight. So, one of my favorite activities in the summer is sitting up on the hill in front of our house with my husband, late in the day until the sun goes down - just watching the world go by We don't want to go back in! We don't want the long, lovely day to end! - *Gail*
- ☀ My favorite summer activity is traveling around and seeing new sites in Minnesota!

- Danielle

☀️ Family trips/camping! - Amy

☀️ Hiking and spending time at the cabin with my family! - Christina

☀️ Being in air conditioning 😊 - JT

What is our Post Search Program?

Our Post Search Program provides information and referral to adopted persons, birth families and adoptive families who need records or have questions about the search process.



When can adopted adults request their original birth records?

The legislation which permits adopted adults to request (and receive) a copy of their original birth record, becomes effective July 1, 2024.

What impact of this legislation have on birth parents?

Up until July 1, 2024, a birth parent can file an Affidavit of Disclosure or Non-Disclosure with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). However, after July 1, 2024, all Affidavits of Disclosure and Non-Disclosure will become ineffective.

A birth parent will have the right to file a “Contact Preference” Form with MDH, which states their preference of contact, contact information (if they wish to disclose), and if they do not wish to be contacted. Nevertheless, if an adopted adult requests their original birth record, all identifying information of a birth parent that is listed on the original birth record will be disclosed beginning July 1, 2024.

How can original birth records be requested?

You can file for a copy of your original birth record with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)—Office of Vital Records (OVR). Please note: there will be a fee associated with requesting a copy of your original birth record.

“Does this new legislation allow for the release of adoption records?”

Adoption records are not the same as birth records and are still considered confidential information, per Minnesota adoption laws. This will not change with the new legislation. Adopted adults can contact their adoption agency or the county that facilitated the adoption and request information from their adoption agency pertaining to their adoption and birth family history. The adoption agency or county will then share what they can legally release to the adopted adult.

Still have questions? Contact us!

Representing FAM at Twin Cities Pride

We had an absolute blast marching in the Twin Cities Pride Parade in June!
We're happy to support All Families and LGBTQ+ youth in foster care.



Meet the Kids

Meet Riley 🤝



Riley,13, likes to spend quality time telling stories and jokes. He is very knowledgeable in many topics and enjoys talking about dinosaurs, science, bugs, and how things are built. Riley has a great imagination and likes putting these thoughts on paper. He loves keeping his hands busy and has a significant interest in Legos, inventing, and building things.

Riley has also shown a great interest in Pokémon and Dungeon and dragons. Riley enjoys reading and does a great job teaching others about his interests. Riley has lots of energy and finds joy in riding his bike, going to the park, hiking, swimming, soccer, 4 square, and downhill skiing. Riley treasures bugs and creatures and cares deeply about his bearded dragon. He would do well in a two-parent home that can provide structure and routine.

Only families from Minnesota and bordering states are being considered at this time.

[Learn More](#)

Resource Corner

Summer Activities for the Family

From parks, events, and things to do, you can be sure to find something to get you and your family out of the house and active this summer!



[Start Exploring](#)



Explore the great outdoors, art and culture and more!

[Explore Minnesota](#)

Kids Bowl Free All Summer Long!

Register your kids for 2 free games of bowling each day of the KBF program, all summer long. [Find a participating bowling center near you.](#)

This summer, teens can join the YMCA for free

Starting 9th-12th grade this fall? You can get a free membership at any Twin Cities YMCAs this summer with their [Get Summer program.](#)

Community Connections



Team Generosity

FAM receives the generous gift of FREE tickets from the Timberwolves/Lynx and Minnesota Twins throughout the year.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to share the tickets with foster, adoptive and kinship families. The families greatly appreciate being able to do something fun with the whole family.

Thank you Minnesota Timberwolves, Lynx and Twins!!!

What families are saying

"It is also nice that we can go somewhere together where being loud is to be expected."

"Thanks for the much-needed fun!"

"It has meant the world to us to be able to experience basketball games with our kids and the great atmosphere at the games!!"

If you are a foster, adoptive or kinship family, [sign up to receive donated ticket opportunities](#) through Foster Adopt Minnesota

Circus of the Heart

Nominations are now open for Foster Adopt Minnesota's 2023 Distinguished Service Awards!

This is a great opportunity to acknowledge those who have dedicated their personal or professional lives to making a difference in this work.

As part of Circus of the Heart, two Distinguished Service Awards are presented to individuals and organizations/corporations that have made outstanding contributions within the Minnesota adoption, foster, and kinship communities.

The following criteria will be taken into consideration when reviewing nominees:

- Type of contribution
- Impact of contribution
- Length of service or commitment

Nominations will be accepted through September 14, 2023.

[Nominate today](#)

Social Justice, Race and Equity

On June 15, 2023, in response to *Haaland v. Brackeen*, the Supreme Court made the decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). In a post on their Facebook page, the Executive Director of United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) shared their reaction to the news and what this decision will mean for Native children and families. We would like to share their powerful statement with you.

"Yesterday's Supreme Court ruling on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) marks a significant milestone in protecting the rights and well-being of Native American children and communities across the United States.

The Court upheld the constitutionality of ICWA, recognizing its vital role in preserving tribal sovereignty and ensuring the best interests of Native American children, ensuring their connection to their tribal heritage and cultural identity. The decision emphasizes the significance of maintaining the unity and integrity of Native American families, recognizing their crucial role in fostering a sense of identity, belonging, and well-being for Native American children." —Mary Kim Titla, Executive Director, UNITY, Inc.

To learn more about United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc., visit their website at <https://unityinc.org/>.

To learn more about National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), visit their website at <https://www.nicwa.org/>.

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



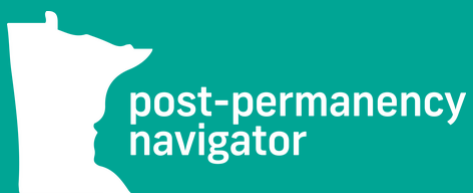
The Zero Kids Waiting Program is the gateway to information about adoption, foster care, and kinship in Minnesota.



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



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