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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 Miriam.

Hey there! I'm Miriam Reisetter (my last name rhymes with "Easter"). I'm the new Post-Permanency Navigator, and I'm thrilled to be on a team with such wonderful, passionate folks.

Prior to joining the Post-Permanency Navigator team, I worked for several years as an Adoption Worker, Foster Care Licenser, and Family Support Coach. Most recently, I worked in the education system for over 6 years in a variety of roles, including School Social Worker and Behavioral Specialist in a Federal Setting IV school district.

I've been involved in the adoption and foster care community in a variety of ways over the years, and I'm excited to remain connected to permanency in this way.

[Visit our staff page](#)

The Post-Adoption Navigator (PAN) Program is now the Post-Permanency Navigator (PPN) Program!



The Post-Adoption Navigator (PAN) Program has officially become the Post-Permanency Navigator (PPN) Program—an expansion of the program’s services that has been made possible through the support and funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

In addition to supporting families who have finalized adoptions of children from Minnesota foster care in the past 12 months, the PPN program now also provides support to kinship families who have finalized Transfers of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody (TPLPC).

Families who opt into the PPN Program will receive:

- A direct link to an adoption and guardianship-competent professional to help respond to families’ permanency-related questions and support needs;
- Periodic check-ins throughout each family’s first year following finalization;
- Connections and referrals to post-permanency supportive resources;
- Topic-specific resource guides to help address families’ adoption or guardianship-related needs;
- A monthly newsletter featuring helpful resources, training opportunities, and family activities;
- Free registration for webinars offered through Foster Adopt Minnesota.

This program is designed to meet families where they are at, and families are encouraged to engage with this program at a level that works best for them.

How Can I Sign Up?

If your family has finalized an adoption or TPLPC of a child or teen from Minnesota foster care within the past 12 months, please complete the online form at <https://www.fosteradoptmn.org/ppn-contact-form/>.

Contact Us

If you have questions, please contact Christina Romo, Post-Permanency Program Manager, at cromo@fosteradoptmn.org or by calling 612-746-5139.

Join us for the Fall Forum

Fall into learning.

The Fall Forum offers a variety of workshops presented by nationally renowned speakers to meet the needs of those on the frontline of foster care, kinship care, and adoption.



Wednesday, November 1st - Parents Day
Thursday, November 2nd - Parents & Professionals Day
Wednesday, November 8th - Professionals Day

[Learn more](#)

Resource Corner

October is LGBTQIA+ History Month



[Outhistory.org](https://outhistory.org)

(most comprehensive search features, very much like an encyclopedia)

[LGBTQ History](#)

(variety of resources- history cards, podcasts, coloring book, student resources, educator resources)

[Stories from LGBTQ history](#)

[List of queer history books for all age ranges](#)

October 11 is National Coming Out Day

Resources for caregivers to be a support to their child

- [How to Support LGBTQ Children](#)
- [What to do when your child comes out](#)
- [Supporting and Caring for Transgender Children LGBTQIA+](#)

Foster Adopt MN Resources

- [Foster Adopt MN LGBTQ Resource Page](#)
- [CORE Teen Right Time Video](#)

Meet the Kids

Meet Zariyah 🙌



Zariyah, 9, is an engaging, talkative, and funny child. She loves being active, playing sports, singing, being outside, and spending time with her friends. Zariyah likes to be in the kitchen cooking and baking cookies.

A structured family with pets and other children would be ideal. Only Minnesota families are being considered at this time.

Following adoption, Zariyah will need to maintain contact with her siblings.

[Learn More](#)

Community Connections



Adoption Medicine Clinic

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Adoption Medicine Clinic

FAM staffers, Suni and Danielle, were able to attend the 3rd Annual Adoption Medicine Clinic Symposium on Monday, October 2.

It was a full day of learning about the services provided through the Adoption Medicine Clinic (AMC) and the positive impact that multidisciplinary medical care has on children that have been adopted or placed into foster care.

[Learn more about AMC](#)



Circus of the Heart



Join us on November 4, 2023!

We're thrilled to be back in-person with you to celebrate adoption at our 26th Annual Circus of the Heart! **Registration closes Sunday, October 15, 2023.** Registration is NOT required, but needed to reserve your box lunch.

A virtual event will also take place at the same time as the in-person event. You can choose to attend in-person OR virtually!

[Find out more details about this event](#)

Social Justice, Race and Equity

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of workers with disabilities. It is also an opportunity to highlight the importance of inclusive practices that benefit both employees and employers and reduce the employment equity gap for persons with disabilities. We felt it especially important to highlight this month in our efforts to support the transition-age youth within our communities, families, and foster care system who may already be involved with or are preparing to enter the workforce.

Below are resources to learn more and find support.

- [Learn about NDEAM](#)
- [Tips to create an inclusive workplace](#)
- [Minnesota Council on Disability](#)

- [Youth Disability Employment Initiative](#)
 - [Employment Resource Guide for Students](#)
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Learn more about our services



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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