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## The Team Behind the Scenes: Permanency Services Resource Hub

In January, we launched the [Permanency Services Resource Hub](#). You may have seen it and if not, keep reading to learn more. But first, we want to acknowledge the team that worked to put it all together. These four Foster Adopt MN staff members worked together to bring us this exciting new resource!



***Christina Romo***



***Heather Van Brunt***



***Jolie Ritchie***



***Hayley Wiesman***

Thanks to Christina, Heather, Jolie and Hayley, we now have a statewide, centralized resource for all prospective and current kinship, foster, and adoptive families in Minnesota and the professionals who support these communities.

The Permanency Services Resource Hub is funded through the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and has been developed by Foster Adopt Minnesota to raise awareness about the Public Private Adoption Initiative (PPAI) and Permanency Support Services (PSS) agencies and the permanency-related services available to families throughout the state.

Check out the [“Exploring the New Permanency Services Resource Hub”](#) webinar to hear from the Resource Hub team about the development of the hub and how to navigate it.

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## Meet Ethan!

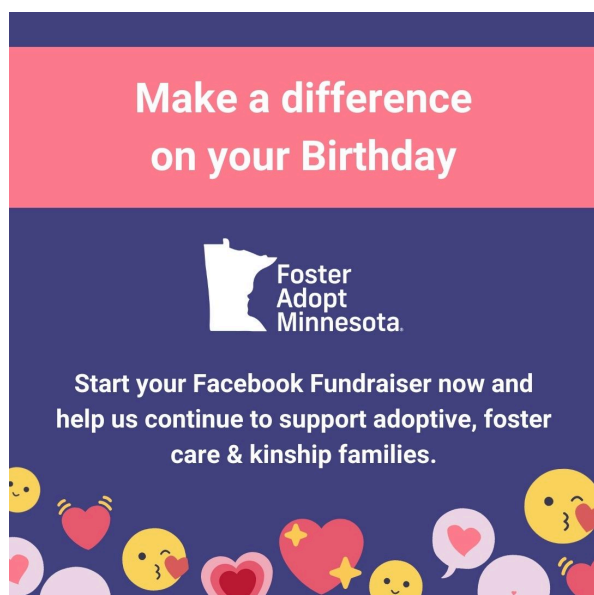


Ethan, 12, is kind, respectful, and responsible. He is described by others as a very sweet youth who thrives with one-on-one attention. He loves activities, both indoor and outdoor! Ethan enjoys building Legos, playing games, and spending time on gaming systems. He likes to spend time together with family.

When outside, Ethan enjoys running around, riding his bike, and exploring. Ethan likes food but wouldn't call himself a foodie. His favorite food is pepperoni and Hawaiian pizza. He is a big fan of fidgets, especially squeezable fidgets, fidget cubes, and little puzzles.

[Learn more about Ethan](#)

## Thank you to our FB Donors!



Thank you to our Facebook followers who have chosen our organization for a birthday fundraiser: [Kim, Katrina, Marty, Ashlee, Kate & Kerri!](#)  
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## March into Spring



March on into Spring and help us build up our spring apparel, including spring jackets, rain jackets, rain boots, umbrellas and more!

[Find out more information and how to donate](#)



When you purchase from the FAM Store, 100% of the profits help support our mission to find and strengthen Minnesota adoptive, foster care, and kinship families.

You will also be raising awareness by wearing some cool FAM merchandise.

**Save 10% off in the month of March in honor of Social Work Month.**

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## 4th Annual 5K Fun Run



Join us on **Sunday May 5, 2024** for our next 5K!

Help us provide a [\\$200 shopping spree](#) to as many kids as possible! Walk your (well behaved) dog, push your stroller, or run through a 5K with us.

It's a great way to be active with your family while supporting MN kids in foster care.

There will be games, snacks, DJ music and more! Learn about foster care, kinship and adoption at the event resource tables.

*Can't make it in person?  
You can join us virtually.*



**REGISTER TODAY!**

Get your shoes ready and register

We're searching for sponsors! If you'd like to learn more about partnering with us on this event, please reach out to [5K@fosteradoptmn.org](mailto:5K@fosteradoptmn.org).

**Thank you to our event sponsors**



# Developmental Disabilities Resources

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and we wanted to share some information about a few organizations who work with individuals and families navigating developmental disabilities.

## The Arc Minnesota

The Arc Minnesota provides advocacy, support, and resources for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. In addition to the multitude of resources The Arc Minnesota provides, the organization also has a team of advocates who are available to provide individualized support to people with disabilities and their families. Visit <https://arcminnesota.org/> to learn more about The Arc Minnesota and <https://arcminnesota.org/ways-we-can-help/ask-an-advocate/> to learn more about their Ask An Advocate service.

## Family Voices of Minnesota

Family Voices of Minnesota is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and support to families of children and youth with disabilities and/or chronic health conditions. The organization offers a number of webinars and trainings, one-on-one peer specialist support, as well as a number of virtual and in-person support groups and family activities throughout the state. To learn more, visit <https://familyvoicesofminnesota.org/>.

## PACER Center

PACER Center provides advocacy, support, and resources to individuals with disabilities and their families. The resources they provide include (but are not limited to) education, employment, mental health, housing, and support for transition-aged youth. Visit <https://www.pacer.org/> to learn more.



**PERMANENCY SERVICES  
RESOURCE HUB**

Information and resources for the foster, adoption, and kinship communities in Minnesota and the professionals who support them.



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waiting**

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



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



Information, resources, and referrals regarding post-permanency 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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