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Keep reading to stay informed on events and happenings at Foster Adopt MN, 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.



Foster Parents Needed

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

- Approximately 9,880 children and young adults were in out of home care on any given day in 2024.
- Approximately 4,080 children and young adults **entered** out of home care in 2024.

There are approximately 3,200 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 our Information and Referral Team, Hayley and Keith, at info@fosteradoptmn.org, or submit our [Foster Care Inquiry Form](#) to get connected to agencies near you.

Foster Care 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.

[Let's Talk FAQ's of Foster Care and Adoption](#)

Googling your commonly asked questions about adoption and foster care in Minnesota can lead you down the rabbit hole of confusion. Join us to hear the correct answers from Foster Adopt Minnesota staff as they share frequently asked questions from those interested in adoption and foster care.

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

[Foster Care FAQ's](#)

Learn more at Foster Adopt MN's 5k: Resource Tables Available

Foster Adopt MN's 5th Annual 5k is on 5/18 for a morning of community and activity.

This super fun event raises funds for Minnesota youth in foster care to go [back-to-school shopping](#). **Resource agencies will be present to answer questions you may have about the foster care and adoption process.**

WHEN: Sunday, May 18, 2025

WHERE:

Rosland Park
4300 W 66th St
Edina, MN 55435

RACE DAY INFO:

Check-in begins – 9:00 am

10:00 – Kids 1/4 mile run

10:15 – Kids 1 mile run

10:30 – 5k Start

Cost: \$40

Kids in your family are free with one paid adult.

REGISTER TODAY

Rewards of Teen Adoption: Take a Look



Featured Child | Meet Jordan



Jordan, 17, is a lively and spirited young man with a quick wit and a unique sense of humor. He loves engaging with others and sharing his wide array of hobbies and interests. Jordan is an avid fan of fantasy and board games such as Dungeons and Dragons and Magic: The Gathering. He also has a passion for Pokémon and

Transformers. Jordan likes to listen to music, sing, play basketball, and celebrate holidays. He also has a preference for Subway, Pizza Ranch, and a good pair of shoes.

Jordan will need to maintain contact with his birth parents.

[Learn more about Jordan](#)

Community Connection

Office of Ombuds for Foster Youth



The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsman, or OOFY, was established by the state legislature in 2022 based on advocacy and testimony by those with lived experience in foster care.

Officially launched in May 2024, the office is led by Ombudsman Misty Coonce and Deputy Ombudsman Hannah Planalp. OOFY is tasked with handling complaints from anyone, prioritizing concerns from young people about their rights, care, safety, and placement in Minnesota foster care, including Extended Foster Care and those who have recently aged out of care.

OOFY works to address concerns, provide information, and investigate complaints. They share recommendations to promote the highest standards of care, and will provide reports to the Governor, legislature, and the public on issues affecting foster youth. For more information, or to submit a complaint, [visit their website](#).

Foster Adopt Shop: How to Donate



We're are seeking to increase our inventory for our Foster Adopt Shop. All new items for children 0-18 are appreciated, including clothes, toys, books, outerwear, sports equipment, toiletries, etc.

Find out [how to donate](#) through Amazon or locally.

In need of items? [Fill out the form.](#)

Permanency Services Resource Hub



The [Permanency Services Resource Hub](#) is a centralized tool and site to find a wide range of resources and support services for the kinship, foster and adoption communities across Minnesota and the professionals who serve them.

[View available resources](#)



FOSTER ADOPT MINNESOTA BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT

When a new school year approaches, many children across the State of Minnesota look forward to gearing up for their first day back in the classroom. However, for

children in foster care, this time of year can be particularly challenging. They may not have the resources or support they need to start the year off on the right foot.

That's why we are hosting our 7th Annual Back-to-School Shopping Event for children in foster care. Our goal is to provide these children with a shopping trip in August that will build the confidence they need to succeed in school.



We cannot do it without your 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 opportunities.

Thank you for considering supporting our Back-to-School Shopping Event. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community.

Give Today

Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN?

Proof Alliance Caregiver Conference

Thursday, May 15, 2025 in Brooklyn Center, MN.

[Learn more.](#)

FAM 5K Fun Run

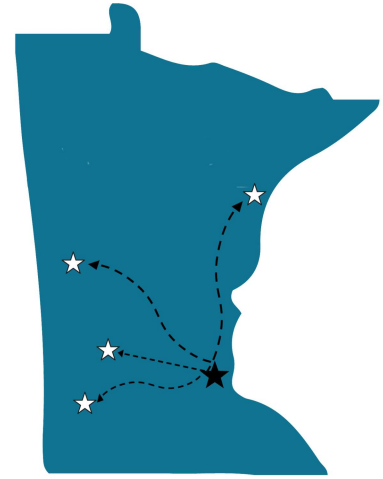
Sunday, May 18, 2025 at Rosland Park, Edina.

[Learn more.](#)

Golden Valley Pride

Saturday, June 7, 2025 in Golden Valley, MN.

[Learn more.](#)



Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month: Honoring History, Culture and Truth

May marks Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich contributions of AAPI communities. This annual observance recognizes the resilience, achievements, and cultural heritage of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Minnesota is home to vibrant AAPI communities, and this month offers a variety of events to celebrate and learn:

- [Federal Asian Pacific American Council \(FAPAC\)](#) – This organization highlights the legacy of leadership and resilience within AAPI communities. Learn more about AAPI Heritage Month
- [AsAmNews](#) – A comprehensive guide featuring nonprofit organizations and historical perspectives on AAPI communities.
- [Meet Minneapolis AAPI Heritage Month Events](#) – A collection of celebrations, including museum exhibits, food experiences, and cultural showcases.
- [Minnesota Historical Society AAPI Programs](#) – Featuring the Hmong 50th Commemoration (May 16) and an author event on Japanese American history (May 31).

While we celebrate the vibrant cultures and contributions of AAPI communities, we also acknowledge the complex histories that continue to affect many today. Recent

findings from South Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which have shed light on fraud and human rights violations and systemic failures, including falsified records and inadequate oversight, affecting thousands of Korean adoptees worldwide. This is especially impactful here in Minnesota, where we have the largest population of Korean adoptees in the United States.

These revelations have been deeply personal for many adoptees, prompting reflection on their identities and the ethical dimensions of past adoption practices. They have also inspired renewed calls for transparency, legal reform, and community support.

- [Official Truth and Reconciliation Commission Website](#) – Direct access to reports and updates from the commission.

- [Associated Press \(AP\)](#) – Coverage on the halted adoption fraud investigation and its impact on adoptees.

- [CBS Minnesota](#) – A report on Minnesota adoptees working to uncover their past through nonprofit efforts.

This May, let us celebrate, learn, and stand in solidarity with AAPI communities—honoring their past, supporting their present, and shaping a more just future together.



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



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.



Foster Adopt Minnesota acknowledges and honors the lived experiences and identities of the individuals and communities we serve.

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