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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.*



June is Pride Month—a time to honor the LGBTQ+ community’s strength, joy, and ongoing fight for equal rights. Pride began with the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a key moment in LGBTQ+ history that sparked a movement for change. Today, Pride is both a celebration and a reminder that the fight for justice continues, especially as new laws threaten the rights of LGBTQ+ people, particularly trans youth.

Here are resources offering a deeper look into the history of Pride Month and the broader LGBTQ+ rights movement, along with ways to celebrate in Minnesota.

- [12 of the Best Podcasts for Pride Month | Podbam](#) – A broad range of podcast that include opportunities to learn, laugh and connect with people’s stories.
- [PBS – “The LGBTQ+ Experience”](#) – A series of short, accessible videos covering LGBTQ+ history, rights, and representation.
- [National Archives](#) - Offers a rich collection of historical documents, photos, and stories related to LGBTQI+ civil rights.
- [HRC’s Laws & Legislation Hub](#) – Updates on federal and state-level legislative efforts, including advocacy campaigns, legal battles, and policy changes affecting LGBTQ+ rights.
- [Lavender Magazine’s 2025 Pride Guide](#) – Communities across Minnesota are hosting Pride events throughout June and beyond. These events feature parades, music, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to connect with local LGBTQ+ organizations.

## **We are proud to serve All Families**



## Get Your All Families Shirt Today

Back by popular demand, our All Families shirts\* are [available for purchase](#)! Get yours today. [Order now](#).

*\*Hats, tank tops and sweatshirts also available.*



**Pre-Recorded Webinars:** Use the code **FAMPRIDE** to access ALL our webinars in the LGBTQ+ Youth & Families category for FREE until July 1.

[FAM Webinar Library - LGBTQ+ Topics](#)

- Strategies to Support Foster and Adoptive Families with Gender Expansive LGBTQIA+ Youth
- Next and Best Practices for Serving BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ Youth
- Using LGBTQ History to Support LGBTQ Kids
- Mental Health in LGBTQ+ Youth
- Transgender 101

**FAM Upcoming Live Webinar (FREE)**

[How to Be Welcoming to LGBTQ+ Youth, with an Emphasis on the "T"](#)

Presented by Ellen (Ellie) Krug; Thursday June 12, 2025; 1:00-2:30pm CST

**FAM's Let's Talk Podcast:** [Adults Supporting Trans Youth](#)

[CORE Right Time Video – SOGIE](#)

[CORE Right Time Booklet – SOGIE](#)

**National SOGIE Center:**

[LGBTQ Language Guidance](#)

[Communicating with Youth About Gender Identity](#)

[Black LGBTQ Mental Health](#)

[More SOGIE Behavioral Health Work Resources](#)

[Standards of Care from International Journal of Transgender Health](#) (Skip to page 173 for the Mental Health Provider section).

## Featured Child | Meet Kaiden



**Kaiden 17**, is an exceptional individual with an extraordinary sense of humor that can light up any room. He has a diverse range of passions and pursuits, including playing video games, cooking, and spending time with animals.

Kaiden is a gifted musician who can play both the piano and the guitar with dexterity and grace. He takes pleasure in being outdoors, where he can engage in various activities that spark his curiosity and imagination. His favorite outdoor activity is fishing, which he finds to be a calming and meditative experience.

Kaiden is an adventurous soul who is always eager to try new things, and he is excited to share these experiences with his new family. He is a compassionate and kind-hearted person.

Kaiden will need to maintain contact with his sister and cousin.

[Learn more about Kaiden](#)



# Community Connection

## QUEERSPACE Collective



We want to highlight QUEERSPACE Collective this month and the work they do for youth in Minnesota.

QUEERSPACE Collective launched in April 2021 and is the first mentorship program that has been created specifically for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in Minnesota.

QUEERSPACE Collective creates space for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth to feel safe and empowered to be their true selves.

[Learn more and find a hangout](#)

**Foster Adopt Shop:  
How to Donate**

**Permanency Services  
Resource Hub**



We're 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.](#)



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

We're almost there!

Thanks to generous supporters, **174** kids in foster care will get to enjoy a back-to-school shopping experience where they can pick out brand-new clothes and supplies, just like their peers.

But **26** more children still need your help.

Our goal is to give **200 kids** this empowering opportunity, and we're not stopping until every child is included.

A gift of \$200 sponsors one child's experience, but every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

Help us reach the finish line and make sure no child is left out!

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# Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN?

## *Find us in the community*

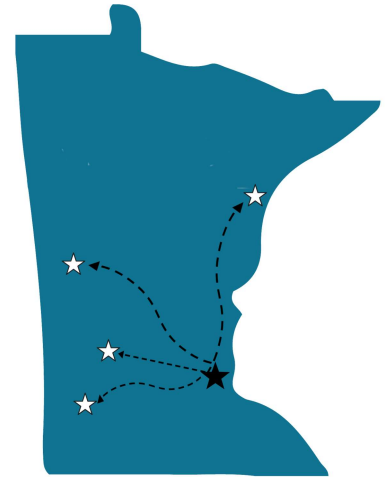
### **Golden Valley Pride**

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

[Learn more.](#)

### **National Night Out in Marshall, MN**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025



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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