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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.

SAVE THE *Date!*



- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
- IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

CIRCUS OF THE *Heart*



Foster
Adopt
Minnesota



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Save the date for **Circus of the Heart**. The kick-off of Minnesota's Adoption Awareness Month, honoring families who have grown through adoption and kinship care.

Registration will open mid-September.

We Need Your Help!

Here are two ways you can get involved in Circus of the Heart:



Prize Donations

FAM is seeking contributions used for prizes for children, teens, and families who attend the event. Especially important are prizes that encourage family time together enjoying an activity or a new experience.

Examples of prizes that would be well received are gift cards, food items, family entertainment opportunities, event tickets, gift baskets, sports merchandise, electronics, and monetary donations to be used for the purchase of prizes.

If you are able to contribute, please contact us at circus@fosteradoptmn.org.

Volunteer!

If you'd like to volunteer for this event, some of the activities volunteers assist with include line management, crafts, games, prizes, food, and greeting attendees.



We're expecting an attendance of around 1,000 people, and we count on our amazing volunteers to make the event a success!

If you would like to volunteer at this year's Circus of the Heart, [please sign up here](#).

Opt-In to Text Messaging



Sign up to receive text updates of current events and happenings at FAM, new resources, community connections and more!

SIGN UP TODAY!

SAVE THE DATE!



Save the dates for our upcoming Fall Forum in November!

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.

- Thursday, November 13
- Tuesday, November 18

Featured Child: Amijah



Jayden, 17, is a fun, active, and sometimes silly youth who enjoys outings, adventure, and trying new things. He is personable, playful, and is known to be a jokester. Jayden really enjoys walks through the neighborhood and long car rides while listening to music. Some of Jayden's favorite snacks include Doritos, Takis, and anything with a little kick to it.

Jayden will need to maintain contact with his birth family and the Hmong community.

[Learn more](#)

Kinship Care Support

September is Kinship Awareness Month

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

[View available Kinship resources](#)



Kinship Navigator Programs

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families has partnered with the following agencies to provide navigation services for relative caregivers. Kinship navigator programs help relatives and kin with learning about and accessing services and supports to meet their needs, including legal, financial, and peer support programs.

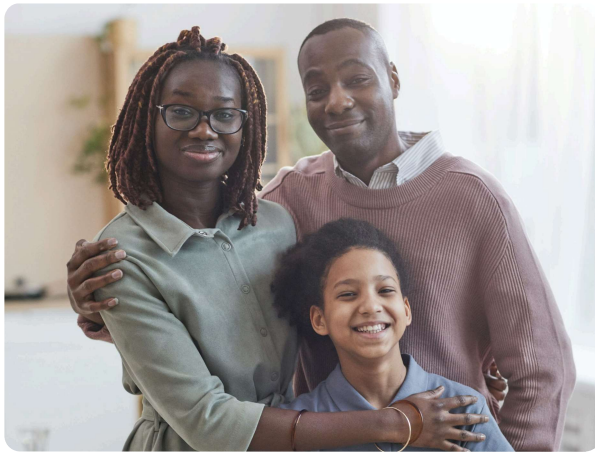
[Nexus-Kindred Family Healing](#)

[Lutheran Social Service of MN](#)

[Urban League Twin Cities](#)

[Family Service Rochester](#)

[Kinship Care Webinars](#)



Take a look at our list of [pre-recorded webinars](#) about Kinship care. Use this code to listen to one for FREE.

Coupon code: TZMDXFX4

Nominations Open for Foster Adopt Minnesota's 2025 Distinguished Service Awards

Each year, Circus of the Heart proudly presents two Distinguished Service Awards—one to an individual and one to an organization or corporation—in recognition of outstanding contributions to Minnesota's adoption, foster care, and kinship communities.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 Time: 1:00–4:00 PM

Location: North End Events Center, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

We invite you to nominate individuals or organizations that have made a meaningful impact in these communities. The selection committee will consider the following criteria:

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

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, September 19, 2025.

Help us celebrate those who go above and beyond.

Submit Your Nomination

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month!



Join us in honoring the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities throughout Minnesota.

From vibrant festivals to community-led initiatives, there are plenty of ways to engage and celebrate:

- [CLUES \(Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio\)](#) - Minnesota's largest Latino-led nonprofit offers a wide range of programs and events throughout the month, including cultural celebrations, educational workshops, and community resources.
- [Visit Saint Paul – Hispanic Heritage Month Guide](#) - Lists events, restaurants, and cultural organizations in the Twin Cities area.
- [PBS Kids](#) - This curated playlist features short videos and full episodes from PBS shows that highlight Hispanic culture, language, food, and traditions in fun, age-appropriate ways.
- [HISTORY.com– Hispanic Heritage Month](#) - Offers a comprehensive overview of the origins, significance, and evolution of Hispanic Heritage Month

- [Hispanic Heritage Festival – Red Wing, MN \(Sept 13, 2025\)](#)

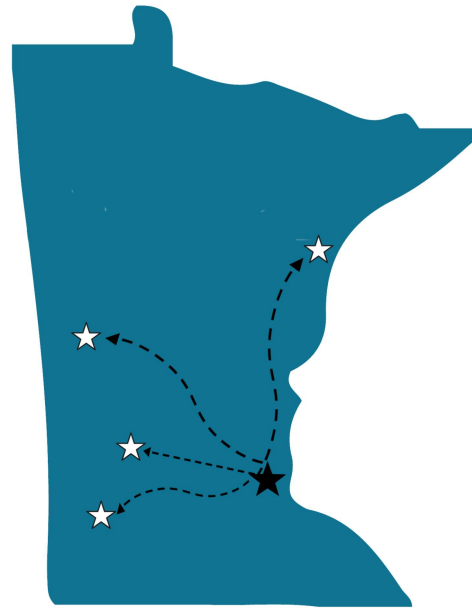
Features piñata breaking, crafts, food, and performances in Central Park. Organized by Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County.

Let's celebrate together and uplift the voices, stories, and traditions that make our communities stronger.

Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN? *Find us in the Community*

Stop by and see us at these upcoming events:

- **Mankato Pride Festival:**
Saturday, September 6 from
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 309 W
Rock Street, Mankato, MN 56001
- **Kinship Self-Care and Resource
Fair:** Foster Adopt MN St Paul
Office
- **Minnesota Social Service
Association (MSSA) Fall
Conference - Redwood Falls:**
Thursday, September 25 from
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



- **MSSA Fall Conference - Fergus Falls:** Wednesday, October 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **St. Louis County Health & Human Conference:** October 9-10 at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, Duluth, MN
- **MSSA Fall Conference - Metro:** Friday, October 24, from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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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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