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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.*

## Get to Know Us



## Meet Jackie!

### **1. How long have you been with Foster Adopt Minnesota?**

I started working at FAM in July of 2018, which makes it 7.5 years.

### **2. What is your current role?**

I am the Marketing & Communications Manager. I oversee the outreach and marketing efforts, social media content, and fundraising & development at FAM.

### **3. What's your go-to comfort food or favorite meal?**

I'm a big fan of anything related to tacos and burritos. Sign me up, especially if we're sitting on a patio!

### **4. What's a hobby or activity you enjoy outside of work?**

I like to run. I run outside every day, and I also run at least 1 marathon per year. I read (a lot), so you can find me on my couch reading or with headphones in listening to my audiobook.

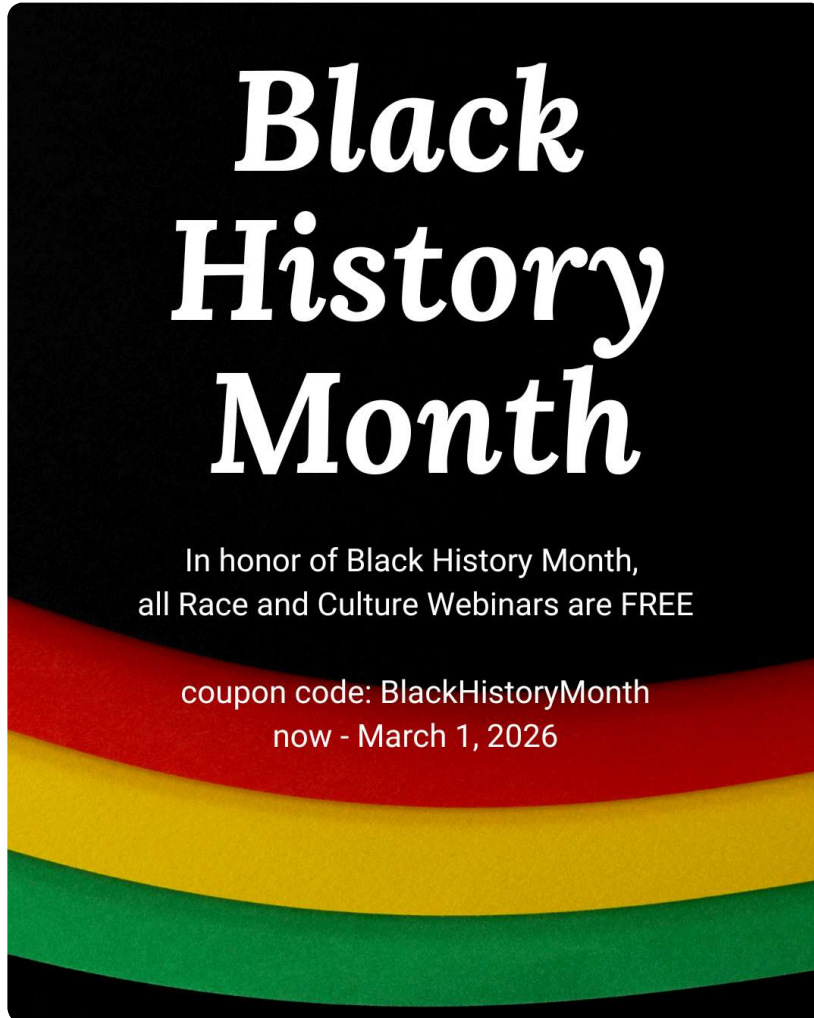
[Check out our staff page](#)

## Celebrate Black History Month with Us

Join FAM in celebrating Black History Month, honoring the achievements, culture, and resilience of African American individuals. This is a time to reflect on their

contributions and promote continued progress toward equality and justice.

As part of our celebration, all Race and Culture Webinars are FREE in our Webinar Library!



Select **Race & Culture** in the Search Topics function in the webinar library or click the button above.

Enter coupon code **BlackHistoryMonth** at checkout.

[Webinar Library](#)

## Featured Webinar

**Writing History,  
Uncovering Truths**

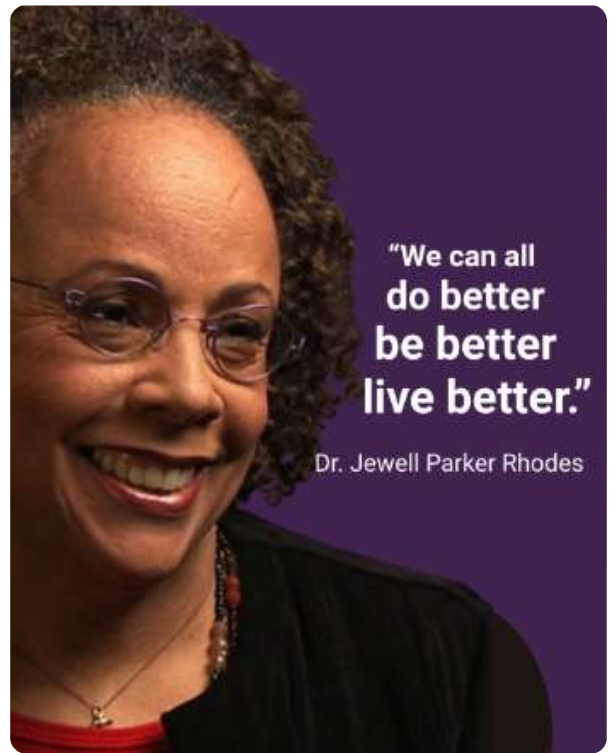
## Dr. Jewell Parker Rhoades

An American Library Association  
(ALA) 2026 Corretta Scott King Book  
Award Winner

Thursday, February 5

12:00 -1:30 PM

Learn more



## Let's Talk Podcast

As we honor Black History Month, be sure to check out these episodes of our podcast:

[\*A Conversation to Authentically Support BIPOC Families\*](#)

[\*UMOJA \[OO-mo-jah\] is Swahili for unity!\*](#)

Find us on iTunes, Spotify & Google Play.

Visit our podcast library

The following local and national resources provide opportunities to honor the Black community through learning and celebration:

✦ [Black History Month Explained](#)

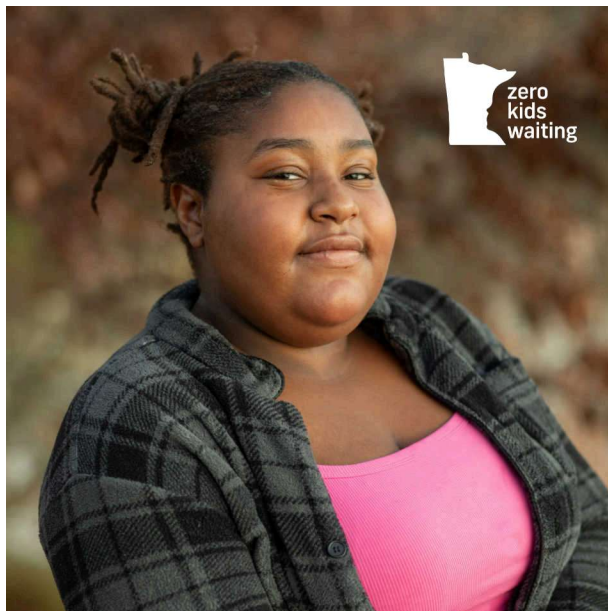
✦ [Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery](#)

✦ [Minnesota Historical Society - Black History, Black Voices](#)

✦ [Celebrating Black History Month in the Twin Cities](#)

✦ [Online learning and events](#)

## Meet Tamiea



**Tamiea, 16**, is a kind, caring, and funny teenager who is always willing to give a helping hand. She describes herself as loyal and loving. Tamiea's creativity shines in her fashion, make-up, art, and craft projects. She likes cooking, especially chicken and pasta dishes. Seafood is her favorite food.

## FAM Merch



Our online store is OPEN!

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.



Tamiea loves to swim, watch movies, and play games. In the future, Tamiea hopes to travel and work with children. Tamiea will need to maintain contact with her sibling and other important connections. Only Minnesota families are being considered at this time.

[Learn more and inquire.](#)

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

[Go check it out!](#)

## A Night of Connection



JOIN EOS AND FOSTER  
ADOPT MN IN STRINGING  
CONNECTION BRACELETS  
WHICH WILL SUPPORT THEIR  
FOSTER, ADOPTION AND  
KINSHIP FAMILIES

*we do better  
together.*

January 22, 2026  
5:00-7:00 pm  
Frankie's Pizza-New Hope

*eos*  
EMBRACE OUR SOULS  
STORIES WRITTEN IN STONE

Join us for a night of connection! This volunteer stringing event is hosted by [Embrace Our Souls](#) and will benefit Foster Adopt Minnesota. Learn more by clicking the button below.

Sign Up

## Immigration Resources

FAM recognizes that our communities are navigating fear and uncertainty during this unprecedented time in our State.

We acknowledge that current circumstances deeply and uniquely affect our kinship, foster care, and adoption communities. Consistent with our mission, FAM affirms its commitment to the safety, dignity, and well-being of all Minnesotans, and to ensuring access to trusted resources and supports.

✓ Comprehensive Resource Lists - Immigration Law Center:  
<https://www.ilcm.org/immigration-resources/know-your-rights/>

✓ Legal Resources for Intercountry Adoptees - Adoptees United:  
<https://adopteesunited.org/citizenship/resources/>

✓ How to talk to kids about ICE - NAMI Minnesota:  
<https://www.childnet.org/what-to-say-to-kids-about-ice>

## Foster Adopt MN 5K



## REGISTRATION OPEN!

Join us on **Sunday, May 3, 2026** for our next 5K!

We're raising **funds** for the [Back-to-School Shopping Event](#) and **awareness** for the need for families for kids in foster care.

Ways you can help:

- Run or walk!
- Show up and learn more about adoption and foster care.
- Bring a friend and/or family member to join you!

We will have yard games, a playground, and a photographer to take your family picture!

There will also be a variety of resource tables to provide information about becoming a foster parent, supports & other topics of interest to adoptive, foster and kinship families.

So, come walk your dog, push your stroller, or run through a 5K with us. It's a great way to be active with your family while supporting Minnesota kids in foster care.

*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).

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

### Connection Bracelet Volunteer Stringing

Event hosted by [Embrace Our Souls](#):

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at  
Frankie's Pizza in New Hope.

[Registration required.](#)

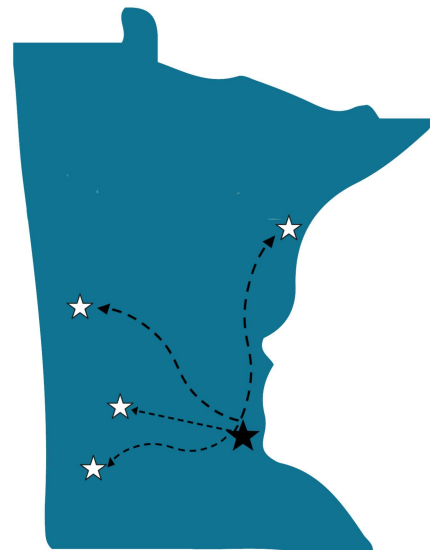
### Minnesota Social Service Association

**Conference:** Wednesday, March 11 and  
Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the  
Convention Center in Minneapolis.

[Learn more.](#)

### Proof Alliance Caregiver Conference:

Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15,  
2026, at the Plymouth Community  
Center. [Learn more.](#)



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PERMANENCY SERVICES  
RESOURCE HUB

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



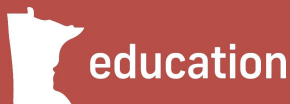
The Zero Kids Waiting Program is the gateway to information about adoption, foster care, and kinship in Minnesota.



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.



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