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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 Keith!

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

1 year and counting!

2. What is your current role?

Information & Referral Specialist

3. Do you have a favorite local spot (restaurant, park, coffee shop)?

My favorite local spot is A-Side Public House in St. Paul's West 7th



neighborhood. It's a delicious, kid-friendly spot, housed in an old fire station, with the original fire pole still installed.

<https://www.asidepublichouse.com/>

4. What's a fun fact about you that most people don't know?

I'm a living organ donor and jump at the chance to share my advocacy for people who are considering organ or tissue donation. It's a process that has incredible powers to change lives!

<https://www.organdonor.gov/learn/process/living-donation>

5. Do you have a favorite book or podcast you'd recommend?

Our incredible Education team turned me into a devoted listener of the Brain First Parenting podcast with Eileen Devine, which is a great resource for parenting children with brain-based differences.

<https://www.eileendevine.com/brain-first-parenting>



Foster Parents Needed

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

- Approximately 9,000 children and young adults were in out-of-home care on any given day in 2025.
- Approximately 3,480 children and young adults **entered** out-of-home care in 2025.

There has been a 34% decrease in the average number of children and youth in care on any given day. This is made possible in part by Minnesota families stepping up to provide the care and support that is needed. Though the numbers decline, the need for additional foster care providers remains. There are approximately 3,000 licensed foster homes in MN currently, and we'd love to see that number grow.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster care provider, please submit our [Foster Care Inquiry Form](#) to get connected to agencies near you, or contact us at info@fosteradoptmn.org.

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.

-  [FAM Foster Care FAQ's](#)
-  [DCYF Foster Care Fact Sheet](#)
-  [Steps to Become a Foster Parent](#)
-  [Counties and Tribes List](#)
-  [Foster Adopt MN: Foster Care](#)
-  [FAM FosterEd Webinars](#)
-  [Children's Home Foster Care Adoption Education Classes](#)
-  [Northstar Benefits Information](#)



Foster Care trainings in our webinar library are free for the month of May. Use coupon code **FosterCare** at checkout.

[Foster Care Webinars](#)

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now - May 31, 2026

Foster Adopt Shop: Shop or 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



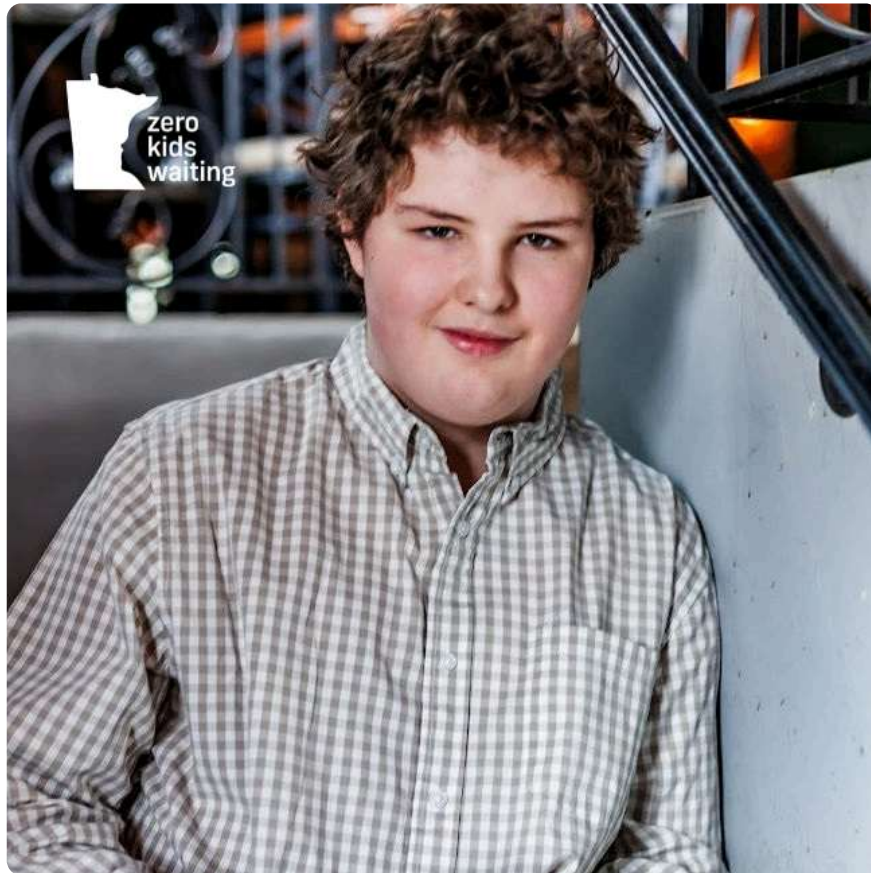
The [Permanency Services Resource Hub](#) is a centralized tool and site to find a wide range of resources and support services for the kinship, foster and adoption communities across Minnesota and the professionals who serve them.

[View available resources](#)

Rewards of Teen Adoption: Take a Look



Featured Child | Meet Levi



Levi, 16, is a smart and active young man who is always prepared with an interesting story or fact. He loves inventing and sharing his creations with others. His creativity shines as he combines his imagination with LEGO bricks, building materials, cardboard boxes, or random recyclables. Levi has an interest in large machinery and vehicles. He enjoys being outdoors, biking, riding peddle go-carts, swimming, and going to the park. When not creating new inventions or spending time outside, Levi can be found relaxing in his room listening to music.

Only Minnesota families are being considered at this time.

[Learn more about Levi](#)

Community Connection

Foster Advocates

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Foster Advocates was founded in 2018 to address the lack of advocacy organizations focused on improving the foster care system in Minnesota.

Their work is grounded in an idea: child welfare systems change could be, and should be, led by the people most impacted. Their organization has grown to a team of 7 and connected with Foster leaders across the State.

Learn about upcoming events by visiting their [website](#).

2026 FAM 5K: Let's Keep the Momentum Going





We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this year's FAM 5K such a success! From check-in and food to merch, resource tables, photos, cheer squad, and cleanup—every detail mattered. The FAM community truly showed up.

Because of you, we're already off to an incredible start:

- 👉 **341 participants registered** (up 89% from last year), with **270 joining us in person**
- 👉 **Just over \$14,000 raised**, bringing our **Back-to-School Shopping Event total to more than \$38,000**
- 👉 **134 first-time participants** joined us
- 👉 **A 73% retention rate**, showing strong ongoing support
- 👉 **\$1,300 in additional donations** given
- 👉 **9 resource tables**, with **171 people connecting at the FAM table**

Now, let's build on this momentum.

Our Back-to-School Shopping Event provides essential items to children and families across Minnesota—and we're so close to making an even bigger impact this year.

👉 **Help us push this total even further.**

Your donation—no matter the size—directly supports children as they head into the school year feeling prepared, confident, and cared for.

❤️ **Donate today and help us reach our goal:**

<https://fosteradoptminnesota.networkforgood.com/projects/256203-back-to-school-shopping-for-kids-in-foster-care-2026>

Together, we can make sure every child starts the school year with what they need to thrive.



Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN?

Proof Alliance Caregiver Conference

Thursday, May 14 and 15, 2026, in Plymouth, MN.

[Learn more.](#)

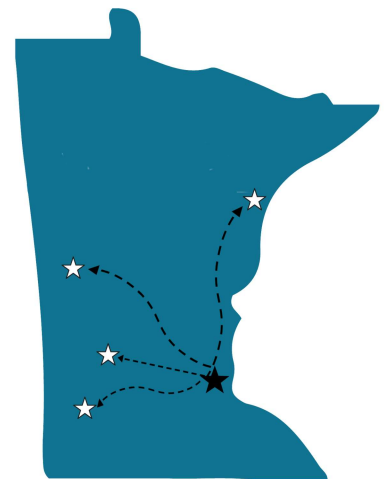
Hennepin County Foster Care Appreciation Picnic

Saturday, May 16, 2026, in Richfield, MN.

Golden Valley Pride

Saturday, June 13, 2026 in Golden Valley, MN.

[Learn more.](#)



Honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to recognize and honor the histories, cultures, and ongoing contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders across the United States. It is also a moment to reflect on the diversity within AAPI communities and the leadership, resilience, and care shown in the face of systemic barriers, exclusion, and discrimination. We celebrate AAPI families, youth, and elders who strengthen our communities and continue to advocate for connection, belonging, and justice.

For the adoption and foster care community, AAPI Heritage Month also brings urgent issues into focus. Thousands of Asian adoptees raised in the United States still lack guaranteed citizenship due to gaps in federal law, leaving some vulnerable to detention or deportation from the only home they have ever known. As an organization committed to permanency, belonging, and family stability, we recognize that citizenship is a critical piece of lasting safety for adoptees and their families.

Learn more and stay engaged through the following resources and opportunities.

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month official site](#)

A national overview of AAPI history, cultural contributions, and educational resources.

[History of AAPI Heritage Month](#)

Background on why May is recognized as AAPI Heritage Month and the communities it represents.

[Adoptee citizenship and legal gaps](#)

Clear explanations of how U.S. citizenship laws impact intercountry adoptees and current advocacy efforts.

[Foster Adopt Minnesota Let's Talk podcast: The Call to Action for Intercountry Adoptee Justice](#)

A Foster Adopt Minnesota podcast episode examining how gaps in U.S. citizenship law impact intercountry adoptees and outlining current advocacy efforts to ensure permanency and legal security.

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Minneapolis](#)

Events, exhibits, and ways to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month across Minneapolis and the Twin Cities.



PERMANENCY SERVICES
RESOURCE HUB

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



zero kids
waiting

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



help
program

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



post-permanency
navigator

Information, resources, and referrals regarding post-permanency support in Minnesota.



education

Our Education Program provides workshops on topics relevant to foster, adoptive, and kinship families.



post
search

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

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