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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 Cathy

**What is your current role?**

Zero Kids Waiting Program Director

**How long have you been with Foster Adopt Minnesota?**

22 years

**What is your favorite season in Minnesota and why?**

Summer is my favorite season. I love spending time at the cabin—fishing, swimming, and just enjoying the outdoors.

**If you could instantly visit any place in the world, where would you go?**

If I could instantly visit any place in the world, I'd choose a beautiful spot by the ocean. I enjoy early morning walks on the beach and watching the sunset in the evening.

**If you could learn any new skill or talent, what would it be?**

If I could learn a new skill, I'd learn to play the drums—with hopes of starting my own band someday.

Get to know our staff



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- [National Archives](#) - Offers a rich collection of historical documents, photos, and stories related to LGBTQI+ civil rights.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 2026 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 **PRIDE26** to access ALL our webinars in the LGBTQ+ Youth & Families category for FREE until July 1.

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

- Restoring Developmental Pathways for Children Impacted by Trauma and Neglect
- Pride in Parenting: Navigating Systems as LGBTQ+ Families
- 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's Let's Talk Podcast:** [Adults Supporting Trans Youth](#)

**National SOGIE Center:**

[LGBTQ Language Guidance](#)

[Communicating with Youth About Gender Identity](#)

[Black LGBTQ Mental Health](#)

[CORE Right Time Video – SOGIE](#)

[CORE Right Time Booklet – SOGIE](#)

[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 Casey



**Casey, 17**, is an intelligent and organized teen with a fun sense of humor. He enjoys telling jokes and making others laugh. Casey is helpful and enjoys opportunities to do office work where he can shred paper and organize spaces. Casey loves to express his creativity through crafts, painting, scrapbooking, and photography.

Some of Casey's favorite activities include playing with fidget toys, playing board games, swimming, going out to eat, reading, and shopping. Casey loves McDonald's food, pizza, and Spam. He would like to work in a post office when he is older. Casey likes having pets, especially cats.

Casey will need to maintain contact with family members.

[Learn more about Casey](#)

## June is Reunification Month



[Keeping Families Connected Minnesota](#) prevents family separation through interdisciplinary legal services and equity-based child welfare policy reform.

They joined us for a webinar this past March:

**Navigating Child Welfare as a Relative Caregiver**

[Listen in for free.](#)

In the webinar session, Joanna, Fionna and Kelli will provide an overview of relative caregiver rights, how to advocate outside the system to support children in your family, and how to work with child welfare professionals to support the needs of your family.

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Family reunification is the primary goal of foster care and reflects the belief that children do best when they can safely remain connected to their families, cultures and communities. During National Reunification Month, we celebrate the resilience of families working toward reunification while also recognizing that Black and

Indigenous families continue to face disproportionate involvement in the child welfare system and greater barriers to achieving reunification.

Learn more about efforts to support reunification and the impact of this work through the resources below.

[2026 Signature Report – Casey Family Programs](#) - A national report highlighting data and strategies to strengthen families and improve reunification outcomes.

[The Foster Provider's Role in Supporting Reunification - Foster Adopt Minnesota](#) - A FAM webinar on how foster providers can support children and families during the reunification process. Use code X6GKZYTD to watch for free.

[Unification Heroes 2025: Allison, Amber Dobson & Rhia Bornmann Spears](#) – A Minnesota based story celebrating individuals whose work and advocacy have helped support successful family reunification.

[MN Study Group Outlines Improvements to Family Preservation Act](#) - A summary of recommendations from a Minnesota study group outlining next steps to strengthen the state's Family Preservation Act and improve efforts to keep families safely together

**Foster Adopt Shop:  
How to Donate**

**Permanency Services  
Resource Hub**



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.](#)



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, **218** 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 **32 more children still need your help.**

Our goal is to give **250 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!

Give Today



*“I really believe this gives [him] the opportunity to feel like he’s equal to his classmates. You can see how proud they are with their new things!”*



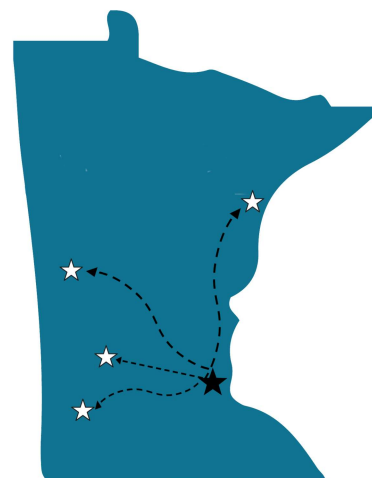
# Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN?

## *Find us in the community*

### **Golden Valley Pride**

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

[Learn more.](#)



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.



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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