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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

### **Hayley Wiesman** **Zero Kids Waiting Program**

Meet Hayley! Hayley is the Information & Referral Manager and also helps manage our Foster Adopt Shop.

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

5.5 years

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

I cook salmon a couple of times per week. If I don't feel like cooking, there's a sushi restaurant pretty close to me!

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

I bought myself a Nintendo Switch earlier this year, and I've really enjoyed checking out all of the cozy games that are available. My current faves are Pokopia and Disney Dreamlight Valley!

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

Sunbean Coffee in South Minneapolis is the best coffee shop. They bring in delicious breakfast burritos every weekend from La Cochinita. I will always recommend!

[Learn more about our staff](#)

## Foster Adopt Shop

**School may be out for the summer,  
but FAM is already planning ahead**



## for fall!

Foster, adoptive, and kinship families in our community are in need of backpacks, school supplies, and clothing to help their kids start the school year with confidence.

Please consider donating to support children and families in our FAM community. Check out our [Foster Adopt Shop page](#) for more information.

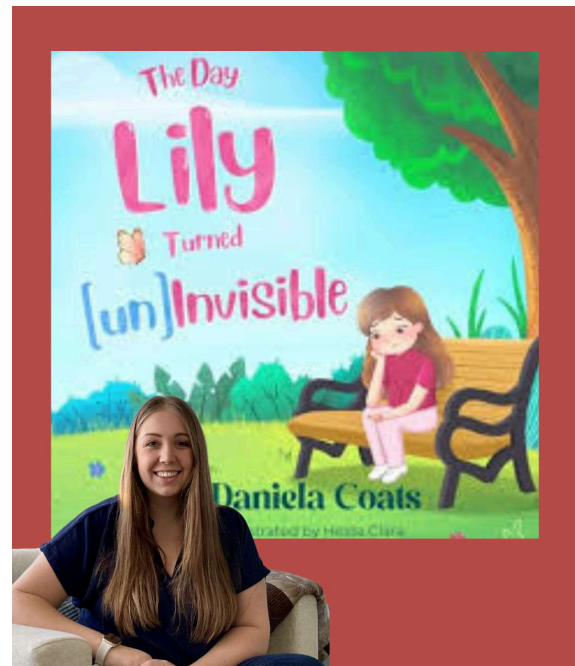
## Storytime with Author Daniela Coats

We're going LIVE on Facebook!

**Author Daniela Coats** will read her new book, *The Day Lily Turned (Un)Invisible*.

Written by a bio kid, for bio kids, this heartfelt story explores the emotions children may experience when a new sibling joins the family — helping kids feel seen, understood, and supported.

Tune into [FAM's Facebook page](#) on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10 A.M.



## SAVE THE DATE: September 15, 2026



# Kinship Self-Care & Resource Fair

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FOSTER ADOPT MINNESOTA

## Please Save the Date!

In celebration of Kinship Month, Foster Adopt Minnesota will be hosting a free Self-Care & Resource Fair for Kinship parents and caregivers at our St. Paul office on **Tuesday, September 15th, 12:00-4:00PM!**

Please join us for resources, community, self-care opportunities, and visit our Foster Adopt Shop!

Guests will be treated to food, self-care gifts, prizes, and more!

## Registration will open in Mid-August!



Foster Adopt Minnesota is funded through the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.



## Featured Child | Meet Kiki



**Kiki, 17,** is a happy, silly, and creative teenager. She is often described as a "phenomenal artist" and would spend all day drawing, painting, or doing diamond art, if given the opportunity. Kiki enjoys singing and dancing and would eventually like to join her school choir or band.

Kiki enjoys staying active during the warmer months by biking and would like to join a basketball or soccer team. Some of Kiki's favorites include Takis, Chinese food, and the color red. Kiki enjoys joking around and making others smile.

[Learn more about Kiki](#)

## Resources Available

# 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](#)

## Distinguished Service Awards at Circus of the Heart

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Each year, Foster Adopt Minnesota presents the Distinguished Service Award at Circus of the Heart to honor an individual, organization, or corporation that has demonstrated exceptional dedication and made a lasting impact on Minnesota's adoption, foster care, and kinship communities.

#### **Event Details**

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 1:00–4:00 PM

Location: North End Event Center, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

We invite you to nominate a person, organization, or corporation whose service, leadership, advocacy, or support has strengthened the lives of children and families

connected to adoption, foster care, or kinship care.

**The selection committee will consider:**

- Nature and significance of the contribution
- Impact on children, families, and communities
- Length of service, commitment, or involvement

**Nominations will be accepted through Friday, September 25, 2025.**

Help us recognize those who make a difference every day. Submit your nomination here: <https://forms.office.com/r/TsJpX4DhkKQ>

*Thank you for helping us celebrate the champions of Minnesota's adoption, foster care, and kinship communities.*

## Backpacks, Smiles and New Beginnings: 200 Kids Are Ready for School Thanks to You!

**Thank you donors!**



Thanks to YOU, 200 kids  
in foster care get to go  
back-to-school shopping



**FOSTER ADOPT MINNESOTA**  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING EVENT

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, 200 kids in foster care will be heading back-to-school shopping this August!

Each child will receive a \$200 Visa gift card to pick out brand-new clothes, shoes and supplies - everything they need to start the school year with confidence and excitement.

We're so grateful for your support in making our 8th Annual Back-to-School event a huge success. You're helping

make a real difference in these kids' lives!

## July is BIPOC Mental Health Month

July is BIPOC Mental Health Awareness Month, originally established as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to honor the author and advocate who worked to improve access to mental health care for underserved communities. The month serves as a reminder that while conversations about mental health have become more common, many Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals and families continue to face barriers to receiving culturally responsive care.

Mental health is an important part of overall well-being for every individual and every family. Whether you're looking for support for yourself, a child, or someone you love, here are just a few of the resources available to help:

**The Steve Fund** (mental health resources focused on the well-being of young people of color): <https://www.stevelfund.org>

**Mental Health America – BIPOC Mental Health Resources:**

<https://mhanational.org/bipoc-mental-health>

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** – Information and support, including culturally responsive resources: <https://www.nami.org>

**Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH)** – A curated collection of articles, organizations, books, podcasts, and other resources recognizing BIPOC Mental Health Awareness Month: <https://macmh.org/resource/resources-for-bipoc-mental-health-month/>

# Where in the State is Foster Adopt MN?

## *Find us in the community*

### **Marshall National Night Out**

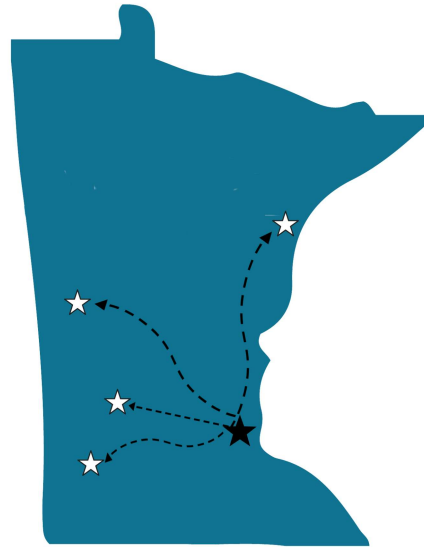
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in Marshall,  
MN

### **Anoka County Foster Care Picnic**

Tuesday, August 11, 2016 in Anoka,  
MN

### **Dakota County Foster Care Picnic**

Thursday, August 13, 2026 in St.  
Paul, MN



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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Supporting the adoption, foster  
and kinship communities

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

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