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Online Matching Events

Hosted by A Family For Every Child

A Family For Every Child has partnered with many different social workers and agencies from around the country to provide you with these unique and exciting events.

During our online webinar events you will have private access to many special children, where you can view photos and/or video and hear from people who are actively involved in these children's lives.

Who We Are:

A Family For Every Child, a nonprofit organization, began with Christy Obie-Barrett and dozens of dedicated, passionate volunteers. Founded in 2006, AFFEC developed into an organization focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for all waiting children. We focus on developing programs that assist special-needs/challenging-to-place foster children in finding their own Forever Families.

Our Mission:

To find loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child.

Social Workers, CASA, Adoption Workers or others that represent Children or Families through Foster care adoption

We would like to introduce ourselves and perhaps how we can help you recruit for the children you work with.

A Family For Every Child is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child. We are excited to be adding children from all over the country to our photo listing site, and/or help them in other ways. We also work with over 15,000 families that are currently in our database, looking for a match to adopt.

We have many options to assist you with recruitment for any child on your case load.

First our private database, which is password protected. In our database we can list and search in specific geographical areas and be very precise about your children's needs. Our database is only accessible to families that have a current home study and are represented by our organization. The database is a valuable tool in helping families, as well as the children that cannot be seen publicly. By entering your children in our database, you will receive current qualified home studies, including a family biography, written by the family. This is particularly useful for children that are a legal risk and cannot be seen on a public site.

We also have a public site, giving your children a chance to be

Social workers will be on hand to answer your questions and give families feedback and information about the type of families that would be the best match for these children. Once the event has concluded families will be given the opportunity to submit their homestudy on children that they feel would be a good fit for their families.

Our next matching events are scheduled for April 25th and May 1st. Please visit our website for more information and to register your spot today! Please check out our new [Online Matching Event Page](#).

If you are a social worker and are interested in seeing how these events work, please feel free to attend our next event and see how these events might be helpful for the children you are working with. If you would like to hear more about how these events work and how you can feature your children, please contact: linzy@afamilyforeverchild.org

Inquire and Submit on Any of Our Kids

Simply [Click Here!](#)

AFFEC Blog

Our blog is focused on providing support and information about the foster care and adoption system.

We aim to create a community of people invested in the interest of the children who are in the foster care system. Through our blog we want to encourage families who are thinking about becoming adoptive or foster care parents while assisting those who are already a foster or adoptive parent(s).

We hope to provide support by sharing individual stories, advice, and constant information on A Family For Every Child and the foster care/adoption process.

Visit [our blog here!](#)

While you are there, sign up

seen by many more families looking to adopt. For this site we also have an automated submittal process and receive approximately 500 submission a month.

There are several ways you can refer a child to one of our recruitment options...

1) If you would like your child on one of our sites, please send us a current bio and any images you may have, and/or any ideas as to what you are looking for in a "successful" family for your child. We are also happy to send you a confirmation email allowing you to check their bio before it goes on the web, if requested.

2) By using [this link](#) you can also list a child on either of our database or public site.

However, we are happy to do it for you, with a simple email permission sent to us. We can take info directly from your state site (that you have previously posted) if this is easiest for you. Our hope is to not create extra work for you, but extra opportunities for your children!

With your approval, a child or sibling group can be online within 24 hours. If a child is able to be photo listed and placed nationally, it opens the door for many more home studies, yet we also have success on the web with in-state placements.

We also can offer:

Connections to photographers in your area, to allow your children to be seen in the best light.

The ability to produce and post video of your child on our site, as well as audio or a slide show.

Targeted email outreach to "just the right family". This has been a very successful approach to a urgent need. We can pull from our database, the "perfect" family for your child, whether that is two parents, no other children, a certain geographic area or other needs. We can email up to 500 families at a time.

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Please check out our public site at www.afamilyforeverchild.org and let us know if you have any other questions or how we can help you. Here is a link to our new [Online Matching Event Page](#).

If you would like to talk to someone from our organization about one or all of these options, please don't hesitate.

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How We Can Help YOUR Families!

Our Matching Assistance Program is Now Free!

Our Matching Assistance Program:

- Are you looking for a child over the age of 6?
- Are you looking for a sibling group of 2 or more?
- Can you parent a child with challenging to difficult behaviors?
- Do you have experience with medical needs?

Opening your home to a child in need is certainly a special calling. If any of these needs meet your family heart's desire, our Matching Assistance Program could be for you! Matching Assistance is a password protected membership program with additional child listings, helping support qualified, current approved home studied families looking for available waiting foster children.

We understand that adoption workers, and caseworkers as well, have very high case loads and many simply do not have the time and resources to recruit for one family day in and day out. That is where AFFEC steps in.

Our Goal:

Our goal is to work alongside families providing them with one on one communication, assurance and assistance in learning how to best represent themselves in their family biography. In addition, helping families by performing national child searches based on information provided within your approved homestudy and family biography.

With the Matching Assistance Program, families now have options!

"We have been super-satisfied with your website and can't believe we were picked so quickly." - N & B Smith

Many families have a difficult time identifying children to inquire on as well as being considered and contacted by the children's caseworkers. We're here to help families through this sometimes long and challenging part of the adoption process.

Children's case workers from all over the United States search for suitable, approved homes for thousands of foster children nationwide.

In this search, they are looking at parenting qualifications such as:

Parent Training and Education / Ability to Accommodate a Special Needs Child

Having your family biography, home study, and family video ready for a searching case worker greatly increases the chance that you will be identified as a potential adoptive family for a waiting foster child.

You don't need extraordinary equipment to provide these to us. Pertinent, honest, and entertaining family photos can be taken with an ordinary digital video/camera and uploaded via the Internet to the Matching Assistance website. We can, depending on the option you choose, follow up on children you inquire or submit your homestudy on using our "submit on offsite children" button within the Matching

Assistance website. Search nationwide on your behalf and support you through your adoption journey, providing you additional online training resources.

We are NOT taking place of your adoption agency or your assigned adoption worker. They are extremely important to you during the adoption process. We work alongside you as part of a team to help identify a child or sibling group available within the foster care system in the United States.

We're here for YOU!

How to [Sign Up](#) for Matching Assistance

[Learn More](#) about our Matching Assistance Program

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So Much to Choose From!

 [Family Finding Referral Form](#)

 [Heart Gallery Mentor Referral Form](#)

 [Targeted Email Outreach](#)
Search for a family for my child

 [Project Linus](#)
Providing security through blankets

 Sponsor a Child - [Donate Now!](#)

 [A photo is worth a thousand words](#)

 [Heart Gallery Application](#)
The Heart Gallery exhibits portraits to raise awareness of the needs of waiting children. They wait and hope for their own adoptive family to love and protect them. Professional photographers volunteer to take compelling portraits showcased in the Heart Galleries. These beautifully framed and matted portraits then get displayed along with the children's biographies in various venues. On average, we receive over 50 inquiries per week about these children. DHS foster/adoption orientation class size, adoption inquiries, and general applicants to DHS have more than doubled since the inception of the Heart Gallery.

 [What to include in a child's photolisting description](#)

 [Preparing a child for photolisting](#)

 [Child Interview Form](#)

 [Sample Photolisting Descriptions](#)

 [Life Book Story Request](#)

Do you need help with a life book? We have scrapbookers ready and willing to help you create memories for your children.

How can you contact A Family For Every Child?

Call, email, or visit us online or in person!

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