

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



"Adoption is not about finding children for families, it's about finding families for children"



Transitioning Foster Children to Adoptive Children

There are many great books and resources available to assist families transitioning through the process. A few that we recommend are:

The Connected Child
Karyn B. Purvis, Ph.D. (2007)

- This book will help you
 - Build bonds of affection and trust
 - Effectively deal with learning and behavior disorders

- Discipline your child with love without making him or her feel threatened.

Barriers to Adjustment: Strategies to Ease the Transition

Fahlberg (1991)

- Presents an overview of initial barriers to adoption adjustment and gives suggestions about how parents can cope.

Support for Parents who Adopt from Foster Care



Families who adopt from foster care often tell us that a key element to a successful placement is support. Support before, during, and after the process. Several Key elements of that support include financial and medical assistance and services that support parents, children, and youth.

Obtaining Financial Assistance

Adoption Tax Credits

The federal adoption tax credit allows adoptive parents of children in foster care to claim adoption expenses from their federal taxes -- such as necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, traveling expenses (including meals and lodging while away from home) -- or

A Child's Journey Through Placement

Fa Hlberg (1991)

Provides professionals, parents, and others with knowledge and skills for understanding and working with children and families involved in the child placement process. Specific activities are included that parents and caseworkers can do with children and families can do to ease the transition from foster to adoptive family.

Moving to the Adoptive Family: Through the Eyes of a Child **James (2008)**

Explores the transition of an adopted child into a family and provides strategies for sensitively moving children.

A Family For Every Child Mission

A Family for Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child.

A Family For Every Child, a nonprofit organization, was started by Christy Obie-Barrett and dozens of dedicated and passionate volunteers. In 2006, AFFEC was formed and developed into an organization focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for all waiting children. Our intention is to develop programs that assist special-needs/challenging-to-place foster children in finding their own Forever Families.

receive a full credit (which varies by year) without itemizing when adopting a child who qualifies as having "special needs."

Most children adopted from foster care are eligible for the Federal Adoption Tax Credit. The tax credit is not a refundable credit though.

Taxpayers can only receive the credit if they have federal income tax liability. You can find out more information on the **North American Council on Adoptable Children website**.

Information and required forms for claiming the credit is also available on the **Internal Revenue Service site**

Many states also provide varying levels of financial assistance when adopting a child from foster care. You can find more state specific information **searching the childwelfare.gov site here**.

You can get more information on medical, emotional, educational, and support groups by reading this full article **published here**.

Things to do next:

Talk with one of our adoption specialists about the process, the agency, and the children at 541-343-2856 (ask for adoption agency). We are here and ready to assist you with any questions you might have.

You can be the difference to a child.

If you would like more information on adoption Please email **kim@afamilyforeverychild.org** today for more information on how you can learn more about adopting!

Considering Adoption? Not Sure Where to Start?

Read what other families said while considering if, and what type of adoption was right for their family.

- See more [here](#)

Foster Care Adoption

Let Your Members of Congress
Know
How Much the Adoption Tax
Credit
Matters to YOU!!!

As you may know the Adoption
Tax Credit is vulnerable and
may be eliminated as part of
tax reform, but you can help
save it!

Help us by sharing your story
and creating a surround
sound of voices defending the
credit and asking that it be
made refundable.

Now is the time to tell your
story, and let legislators know
what the adoption tax credit
has meant for your and your
family. Your voice matters!!
Legislators will only
#SaveTheATC if they
understand the real world
impact and feel that their
constituents support it. You



We talked to everyone about wanting to adopt. After meeting a couple who had successfully adopted from foster care and had a positive experience, we decided to check it out. There was an information night at our local agency that we attended to get more information and then a training course offered through our local DHS office. After attending these trainings, we knew this was the right path for us.

We have completed one adoption, and are in the process of our second foster care adoption. We couldn't have done it without the support of our agency, but we are truly grateful every day for the beautiful family we are building.

-- *Mark and Jeni Collete*

Read more adoption decision stories [by clicking here](#)

We at [A Family For Every Child](#) welcome the opportunity to help you determine if foster care adoption is right for your family.

Please reach out by phone, email, or through our inquiry form on our web page ([found here](#)). An adoption specialist will be happy to speak with you about our agency, the process, cost, and children at your convenience.

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can contact your
Congressman directly ([follow
this link for a list and contact
information](#)) or you can post
your story on Facebook and
be sure to include the tags
#SavetheATC and #taxreform.

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information please reach out
to our Adoption Agency
Director, Kim Esser at
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on how you can learn more about adopting!

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