



A Family for Every Child

Matching Assistance Program

Family Matching Made Easy



**AFFEC Adoption Agency:
Serving Oregon &
Washington Families**

Matching Assistance Program Newsletter

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Join Our Free Matching Assistance Program!

If you are living in Oregon or Washington and are considering adoption, now is the time to contact A Family for Every Child's Adoption Agency! We are an all-inclusive, full-service agency whose goal is to reduce the barriers to adoption by providing excellent customer service, while keeping the process low-cost. We can set your family up with an informative orientation meeting, complete an adoption home study, oversee placement, provide post-placement services, and provide **support** during the entire adoption process.



If you are a home study-approved family seeking to adopt from foster care, sign up for our FREE Matching Assistance Program using MAP Express! With our new registration form, families can quickly and easily sign up for the Matching Assistance Program.

Our goal is to work alongside families nationwide, providing them with one-on-one communication, assurance, and support during the submission and waiting process. As a member of Matching Assistance you will enjoy many benefits, including:

- **Submit your home study** for thousands of nationwide waiting children on our site, with the guarantee that your home study is sent directly to a child's caseworker.
- **Caseworker contact information** post-submission for certain states, allowing you to follow up on your submissions
- **Recruitment services** that connect your family with a child's caseworker.
- **Suggested child matches** via email, with a link to submit your home study
- A private online **support group** to connect with other waiting MAP families
- Low fee **Additional Services Program** with an Adoption Specialist
- Access to **helpful resources** on a variety of adoption topics

[And more!](#)

[Sign up](#) today to take full advantage of our free program!

[Contact us today](#) to find out how we can help grow your family through adoption!

Create a Free MAP for Adoption Professionals Account!

If you are a family adoption worker or a child social worker, and have not created a MAP for Adoption

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

Professionals account, we encourage you to create a free account today!



The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is an agreement between all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to facilitate the placement of a child across state lines. The ICPC ensures that a child is placed in a suitable environment where all their needs are met, and that they will receive any necessary services in their

new state. Most importantly, the ICPC ensures that all state adoption laws are followed and the child is protected at all times.

In instances of adoption, ICPC applies when a child is in the custody of the state and they are placed with a foster, adoptive, or relative family in another state; or, when the child is placed in another state for the purpose of adoption.

When an adoptive family is matched with a child in another state, the ICPC process is initiated. The following is a general overview of how the ICPC process works:

1. The child's caseworker sends a referral packet to the ICPC office in their state.
2. The ICPC office reviews the referral packet, and sends it to the adoptive parent's state (known as the "receiving state").
3. The receiving state's ICPC office reviews the referral packet, and sends it to the family's adoption agency to review. The family's adoption agency reviews the information, makes a recommendation, and sends the home study and placement recommendation to their state ICPC office.
4. The receiving state's ICPC office approves/denies the placement, and then sends the decision back to the child's state (known as the "sending state").
5. The ICPC office in the sending state documents the placement decision, and informs the child's caseworker.

Federal law requires that a home study and written report be provided to the sending state within sixty days of placement request. This does not mean, however, that approval or denial will be provided within sixty days. Processing times can vary by state, so it is always a good idea to check with your state's ICPC office to get an estimate for how long the approval process will take.

For more information on the ICPC process and resources to assist your family during this time, please view our ICPC Resources. The [ICPC State Pages](#) website provides information on processing times, required forms, and other requirements for each state in order to approve an ICPC request.

Disclaimer: This information is not intended to serve as, or substitute for, legal advice. If you have specific questions about the ICPC process, please consult with your adoption agency, your state ICPC office, or an adoption attorney familiar with the interstate adoption process.

Our **MAP for Adoption Workers** account allows you to quickly submit a family's home study, recommend children to a family, view a family's recent child inquiries, private message a child's social worker, and more.

Our **MAP for Social Workers** account allows you to quickly list children and update their recruitment status, search for home study-approved families, private message a family and/or their adoption worker, request child recruitment services, and more.

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Adoption Specialist Volunteers & Interns Needed!

We are seeking motivated volunteers and interns in Eugene, Oregon to assist with our Additional Services Program! As an Adoption Specialist you will work with a small caseload of families, sending them monthly child searches, following up on child submissions, assisting with home study submissions, and providing

ICPC Resources

support and guidance as needed.

Desired qualifications include:

- Customer service experience
- Computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Word and the Internet
- The ability to work with minimal supervision while completing work in a timely manner
- Excellent verbal and written skills with the ability to communicate across diverse populations
- The ability to provide support, empathy and resources to adoptive families
- Three-month minimum commitment

AAICAMA - [AAICAMA Frequently Asked Questions](#)

AAICPC - [ICPC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Adoption.com - [ICPC: What You Need to Know](#)

Adopt Us Kids - [Receiving State Checklist](#)

Adopt Us Kids - [Sending State Checklist](#)

ICPC State Pages - [Home Page](#)

NACAC - [ICPC and Adoption Subsidies](#)

NACAC - [ICPC Flow Chart](#)

NRCDR - [Interstate Placements](#)



MEET STEVEN & JENNIFER!

Married for nearly 16 years, we have 4 kids: three biological and one adopted. We will love forever, a child or sibling group, ages 0-9 years old. Either gender or ethnic background will blend well with our family. We are open to children with many special needs.

As a family we are very active. Steven coaches the kid's basketball teams, and plays league fantasy football. I enjoy cooking, walking, and most of all being a Mom. We love camping in our trailer, taking family vacations and enjoy visiting our extended family in Washington and California. We have a boxer dog, a Betta fish, and a small native lizard.

We used our love and experience with children to provide foster care over



MEET KRISTY & SHAWN!

We have first hand experience with children in foster care. We would love to adopt a child or sibling group of 3 children between the ages of 0 and 6, with at least one boy.

Shawn loves music, playing guitar or harmonica, and the martial arts. He also enjoys camping, fishing, biking, swimming, photography, and baking. Kristy enjoys biking, camping, swimming, fishing, gardening, dance, and animals. Shawn loves to socialize, and he is a caring and easygoing person. Kristy is compassionate and organized, enjoys going places or relaxing at home. We have a golden retriever mix that loves children.

Our community offers many great activities for families and children,

Training will be provided. Contact the [Matching Assistance Director](#) for more information.

Register for Online Matching Events!

A Family for Every Child offers two different online matching events:

Child Matching Events -

Caseworkers present children on their caseload to home study-approved families. Families can ask the caseworkers questions,

and submit their home study after the event is over.

Family Matching Events -

Families present themselves to listening caseworkers, who can ask the family questions. After the event is over, caseworkers can request the home studies of families for specific children on their caseload.

Learn more about our online matching events and register for upcoming events [here!](#)

September Matches & Placements!

Congratulations to the following Matching Assistance families who were matched or placed in September:

- M&K matched with an out of state sibling group on our site
- J & L matched with an out of state child on our site
- D & R with an in-state child
- T & D with an out of state child
- B & A with an out of state child
- M & J with an in-state child
- D & K with an in-state sibling group
- C & J with an in-state child

the last 3 years in which we were blessed with our daughter Janessa, who became our forever daughter in September 2013. Through the journey of being foster providers we were able to work with and be educated in the needs of children with drug exposure, drug/alcohol effects, medically fragile infants, PTSD, ODD, ADHD, FAS, as well as the many emotional and trauma based needs and behaviors. We have worked with PT, OT, counselors, mental health specialists, feeding clinics, orthopedists, and early intervention specialists.

[Learn more about Steven and Jennifer!](#)

including local parks, the zoo, children's museum, a creek to catch frogs! We have places to ride bikes, go swimming, catch lightening bugs, and have bonfires.

We know the patience that is needed with children who have experience trauma, hurt and loss. We also know and have seen how children can open back up, change for the better, and lead a successful, progressive life! We are ready to create new memories and are excited for this opportunity to complete our family!

[Learn more about Kristy and Shawn!](#)



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