



Season's Greetings to You and Yours! ***Permanency Newsletter- Winter 2016***

With 2017 quickly approaching, we've begun taking a look back at what we've done in 2016. This year has seen a lot of changes, growth, and development.

We've seen new programs start, older program continue, and most importantly we've witnessed youth finding life long connections.

So, here's a look back at 2016 and a peek at what's to come for 2017.

A Look Back at 2016...



Family Finding

As one of the longest standing programs at AFFEC, Family Finding has continued taking on the challenge of locating family for youth in foster care, nationwide. Over the past year, we've had 20 cases referred to us that have received diligent attention from 10 volunteers and 3 staff members. We've logged hours of phone calls and time spent countless internet searching. We've facilitated connections, not only between youth and their

families, but between families and local support resources. We've built relationships with family members we did not expect to be responsive and developed our program to support the needs of our clients. As 2016 comes to close we can look forward to a year focused on continued development, problem solving, and program outreach, so that we can continue serving foster youth.

Family Preservation



As one of the newest programs at AFFEC, the Family Preservation Program has seen a lot of development in 2016. Creating a new resource that fits the needs of the community forces the program and it's staff to be flexible. So we've had to critically engage a lot of our material and what better way to do that than to bring the information to the public?

- In the Spring I went to over 15 organizations to discuss how our services could work in conjunction with theirs.
- In the Summer, we tabled and gave lectures at community events to spread information on Family Preservation and receive feedback.
- In the Fall, we helped connect families with resources, especially during the busy, back-to-school season.

And now in the Winter, we reflect and search for ways to improve our program, so we can serve more community members.

And Now a Look Forward...

15th Night and AFFEC





-In January of 2017, A Family For Every Child will officially open its Host Home program. This service will provide homes for youth experiencing homelessness in Eugene, within their school district.

-This partnership between AFPEC and the broader 15th Night Network will allow the Eugene community to begin preventing youth from ending up on the street and intervening when they do .

-Look for a newsletter later this month that will talk of only Host Homes and what AFPEC is doing to support homeless teens in Eugene, OR!

-If you would like to inquire on specifics regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact:

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***From all of us at A Family For Every Child-
Happy Holidays to You and Yours!!!***

