

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



Calling All Princesses!!!

Are you ready for the royal tea party? Our annual Princess For A Day event is quickly approaching!!
Mark your calendar for

April 9, 2017

Princess for a day is a special occasion where girls (both in foster care and the general community) can go and enjoy the royal treatment for a day. The 'Royal Treatment' includes:

- Selecting a gown, shoes, and crown (to keep)
- Getting hair and nails done
- Taking (and receiving) a photo of each princess
- Attend a tea party (don't forget your royal guest, parent/guardian)

Foster children are admitted for free and general admission is only \$50.00 per child. Everyone is welcome at this community event which celebrates each child. It is important to know that due to limited spacing each child is only permitted one guest at this magical event.

Do You Want to Adopt? This is how...

Today more than 427,000 children are waiting in foster care in the United States; more than 111,000 of them are available to be adopted. Each year more than 20,000 of these children will 'age out' of care, putting them at greater risk of homelessness, underemployment, health challenges, and great emotional loss throughout their entire lives.

What are your adoption options?

There are many ways to adopt, including:

- Public Agency Adoption
- Licensed Private Agency Adoption
- International Adoption
- Independent Adoption

These options might seem a bit overwhelming at first glance. You should know that once you decide on the age of the child/ren that you would like to adopt, it becomes easier to know which route to take.

Often families who want to adopt an infant will hire a private adoption agency within the US. Those wishing to adopt internationally will hire a Hague Convention accredited International private adoption agency.

AFFEC is a licensed private agency. We work mostly with families who are looking to adopt from the foster care

Registration is getting limited! Reserve your place now!!

If you would like to donate to this event, please feel free to contact [Jessica](#) for **more information and discuss how you can help!!** We couldn't do this without each of you and your support!!

THANK YOU!!

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.

- See more [here](#)

Foster Care Adoption

Why AFFEC?

So you've been thinking about adopting from foster care but you're not quite sure where to start, or just how you will get your questions answered? We are hosting an information night in Eugene!!

Join us at the AFFEC Office for a two hour question and answer session. We will be on hand to talk about the adoption process, the requirements, and how to get started.

A Family For Every Child
1675 W 11th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97402
541-343-2846

Thursday, March 23, 2017
7pm - 9pm
Come for part or stay for all

Please RSVP by phone or email so we know

system. We focus on children who are considered 'hard to place.' Sibling groups, children over the age of 6, mixed race, or have been in care for more than 3 years.

Children waiting in foster care for adoption range in age from 1 to 18. They can be adopted through a public agency (like DHS) or a private agency (like AFFEC) who have a Special Needs Adoption Contract) with the state. When you decide to adopt you must get a home study completed by either agency to be considered.

Who Can Adopt From Foster Care?

Basically anyone can adopt from foster care then they meet these basic requirements:

- Be over 21
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Be single or married, with or without children in the home.
- Pass a child abuse and neglect check and criminal record check.
- Have a stable income
- Have a living situation that meets agency requirements.
- Be willing to complete necessary training
- Provide completed home study paperwork and documentation.
- Be willing to work with your adoption worker

How Do You Start? What Does the Process Look Like?

- Educate yourself and decide which adoption route fits your needs.
- Contact a local agency for an informational meeting.
- Complete the home study process
- Search for a child using our nationwide matching service.
- Get selected for committee
- Be matched with a child
- Create a transition plan
- Have the child placed
- Complete post-placement supervision
- Finalization

Consider adopting again!!

AFFEC has a low fee of \$1,500 dollars for an adoption home study in Oregon

how many to expect. We look forward to seeing you there!!

If you would like more information please reach out to our Adoption Agency Director, Kim Esser at 541-343-2856 or by email at kim@afamilyforeverychild.org.

Proudly assisting families and children for 10 years

Training Opportunity

Trust-Based Relational Intervention

If you've been looking for the this training developed by the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development now is your opportunity to get it here in Oregon!!

This will be a Live Closed-Circuit Simulcast at multiple locations throughout Oregon. You can attend at the following locations:

Cedar Mill Bible Church
12208 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR 97229

Countryside Community Church
18810 SW Kruger Road
Sherwood, OR 97140

Valley River Life
900 Robin Hood Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

The simulcast presentation will be on Friday April 7th and Saturday April 8th from 9am to 5pm PST and CST.

You must register in advance in order to attend. Cost to attend is \$30.00 or if you want CEU's \$50.00

Register now by clicking [here](#).

For more information feel free to email [Kim Esser](mailto:Kim.Esser).

for an adoption home study in Oregon.

You get a dedicated Adoption Professional to write your home study, guide you and work for you during the matching phase, represent you at committee, create a transition plan after selection, and provide post placement services right up until finalization.

The agency is available to answer questions, provide support, follow up on concerns, and for post-finalization support. Once you join our family, you're a part of our family for life.

Common Misconceptions

Some perspective parents are afraid of foster care adoption because of misunderstandings about children in the system but these are great kids.

All kids in foster care are special needs.

Special needs can mean anything from over the age three to a race, ethnicity, or language that makes a child more difficult to place. Needing to be placed with a sibling group is considered a special need. A mental, physical, emotional, or medical disability certified by a licensed professional is a special need. You must learn more about the child to determine what need may apply and take advantage of all the pre and post services that are available. Do not let the label 'special needs' scare you away.

"All foster children carry baggage"

All children need love, nurturing, patience, and stability. Children in the foster care system may have scars from past experiences, but, when given the opportunity to thrive, they will. Can you provide that opportunity to a waiting child?

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!

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