



## MAP for Professionals July 2017



### **HOW TO GET A CHILD'S INFORMATION TO HUNDREDS OF HOME STUDY APPROVED FAMILIES!!!**

Do you have children who have been waiting a LONG time for a forever family?

Are there children on your case load who are not receiving many home study submissions?

Children with special needs who need those special parents?

A child or sibling group that needs an Emergency or Immediate

placement?

### **MAP for Professionals can help you!**

Using MAP you may send a child's information out to all our families who have expressed a desire for the type child you are assisting.

The Customized Email may be tailored to a geographic area; go specifically to families interested in large sibling groups; get the attention of families with specialized experience; you determine the audience.

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### **Meet the Davis Family!**



My name is Emily Davis and I am currently 36 years old. I do not yet have any human children, but I do have a dog named Georgia and a horse named Eddie. Georgia and Eddie are my animal children and I love them very much. Georgia was a rescue dog that had been neglected as a puppy. I adopted her about 10 years ago and she has been by my side ever since. I've had Eddie for



As for hobbies, I love the outdoors. I enjoy camping, bike riding, kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing, walking my dog, horseback riding, fly fishing, and yard work. When I'm not outside, I enjoy playing games with family as well as putting together a challenging puzzle or breaking out the arts and craft supplies.

18 years. Eddie is 23 years old, but he acts like a 3 year old. He is full of personality and makes everyone laugh at all his shenanigans.

I have loved animals since before I could walk. Growing up I had cats, dogs, horses, fish, rabbits, gerbils, and fish. If the child(ren) I adopt are animal lovers, there is certainly room for adding more pets to our family.



I am extremely fortunate to have family nearby. My parents and brother live only 10 minutes from me. My grandma and a couple aunts, uncles, cousins live less than one hour from me. And, I have another 15 family members that live about 2 hours away. I have a lot of family that is close and ready and willing to help. My mom can't wait to help babysit and take her new grandchild(ren) on special outings.

My mom was a teacher and owned a daycare business for many years. She participated in a lot of conferences and training on early childhood development, so she will be a great resource to lean on for support.

I plan to participate in therapy, support groups or any additional service that will benefit our child/children.

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Holidays are especially important in my family. We always gather together at my parents house or my aunt/uncles house. Great food and games are big family traditions at every gathering. Apples to apples, Go Fish, Sushi Go, Mexican Train Dominoes are among the most popular games to play. I'm normally selected to be on the "team" with the youngest child (she is not old enough to play on her own, so she like me to be her partner).

Family vacation is another tradition. Even as I have grown up, I still go on vacations with my parents and brother.



I work full time as an Operations Director at Yakima Products. I love my job, the people I work with, and the company. While I work full time, I do have some flexibility in my schedule that will allow for working from home when needed or leaving early.

As far as religion, I am a Christian and grow up going to a non-denominational church. If the child(dren) I adopt have other religious beliefs, I am more than happy to honor and support choices.



I live in the beautiful State of Oregon in a home that is walking distance to schools and parks. My street is very quiet and safe for playing outside, riding bikes, or throwing the Frisbee for Georgia (my dog). There are lots of kids in the neighborhood. Kids are always out riding bikes, walking to the park or just running up and down the street. If I'm out in my front yard with my dog, the kids always stop to pet Georgia and say "Hi".



My back yard has plenty of room for running around. I have big trees and plenty of grass to roll around in. In the summer time, I love having people over for BBQ's and sitting outside. The big trees provide great shade for hanging out on a sunny afternoon. My back yard is also home to a bunch of squirrels who always provide entertainment - they can be very talkative and love jumping from tree to tree.



There are a number of schools around my house and I live in a very good school district. There is plenty of support for children with different learning needs.

I have great neighbors!! We get together a few times a year for BBQ's and everyone knows everyone on the block. Many people have dogs in the neighborhood, so it's pretty normal to run into your neighbors out for a walk on a weekend afternoon.



Adoption is something I feel passionate about as I know there are so many children out there in need of forever families and I want to help. Adoption is something my family is very familiar with. My dad and his brother were adopted when they were 14 and 16 years old. My mom's youngest sister was adopted as an infant. And, my cousin (who is the same age as I am) married someone who was adopted as an infant. There is a lot of excitement and support from my entire family about my decision to adopt.

I know adoption can bring about some challenges, but I am ready to face those challenges. I spent a lot of time researching adoption and the challenges (and rewards) that come along with it before making the decision to move forward.

Learn more about the [Davis Family](#)

Contact the Davis Family Adoption Worker: [Staci Super](#)

**MATCHING EVENTS!**



#### CHILD MATCHING EVENTS

A Family For Every Child's Online Matching Events are becoming increasingly popular, and are especially helpful for children in foster care that have a harder time finding a forever family. Families are much more likely to become interested in a child after they've seen pictures and videos that represent the child's personality, and after they've heard about the child's behaviors directly from one of the people that knows the child the best; their social worker.

Wednesday, July 19th  
Thursday, August 10th  
Wednesday, September 13th  
Thursday, October 5th  
Tuesday, October 17th

Child Matching Events are at  
11:00 AM Pacific



#### FAMILY MATCHING EVENTS

Family Matching Events allow social workers to ask questions to find our specific important information saving them time before reviewing an entire home study. Being a presenter in a family matching event is useful for the families because each social worker represents many children that a family could be possibly matched with.

Thursday, July 27th  
Thursday, August 31st  
Wednesday, September 27th  
Wednesday, October 25th

Family Matching Events are at  
3:00 PM Pacific

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MATCHING EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT

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