



## Directors Note

It's so crazy to me and hard to believe that 2018 is already here. Every year in January I get to add another year that I've had the privilege of serving families who have opened their hearts to adoption, and children in foster care waiting for their forever homes. This year, as I've been reviewing agency statistics and child statistics I am struck by the sheer number of children in foster care waiting for their forever families.

As an agency we talk about the need for permanency, but I'm not sure we really convey what that means to waiting children. Children who come into the system are faced with complex problems, including parents who are drug dependent, abusive, or just don't have the desire to care for them. The trend of substance abuse is on the rise and while the numbers of children adopted from foster care each year increase, so do the numbers of children who looking for permanency.

It is no longer enough to consider that child protective services can handle the situation. This country is facing an epidemic of substance abuse which is leading to the inability to care for our children. For those who have been considering adoption as a way to grow your family, I would like to suggest several reasons why now is the time to stop thinking, and start acting....

There are many different reasons to consider adoption and they are all valid and perfectly acceptable. There is no magic formula or special family that agencies are looking for. You simply need to want to provide a loving, stable home for a child and be able to support the child. Now of course, there are requirements that you must meet before being placed with a child who comes from a place of trauma, but these requirements are easily met by most people.

We encourage everyone who has considered adoption in the past to seriously consider attending our informational webinar. Single parents, same sex parents, unmarried partners, families, and yes even opposite sex couples are encouraged to adopt. ***So if you've ever thought about adoption, please consider attending our free, no obligation, webinar coming up on January 13, 2018. To register [click here](#) and get the information your looking for about adoption from foster care.***

If you're looking for additional information before then, or you have a specific concern, please feel free to email me at [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org) and I'll be happy to answer your questions.

Visit our Website

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## Upcoming Events

This is a ROYAL gathering for all the royal

children in the land. This event is to celebrate the REGAL children both in foster care and not by giving them the royal treatment. This royal treatment includes being pampered, adorned in a new outfit fit for royalty, and a fancy tea party.



**Foster children are granted free admission.** General admission for all other princesses is \$50.00. Advanced registration is required for all children. All children are welcome. All attendees are welcome to be accompanied by their king or queen. Due to limited space we can only accommodate the princesses and one adult guest, so please leave all wicked step sisters and housecleaning mice at the castle.

[Check out our Princess Page](#)

## Welcome Amanda!!

We are delighted to welcome Amanda Frumento to our team. Amanda is joining us from California and will be working in the Deschutes County area. Amanda brings over five years of adoption experience to AFFEC and our families. If you live in Eastern Oregon and would like to talk to Amanda about adoption, please [click here](#) to complete our registration form and we'll be in touch with you shortly to set up an orientation meeting.



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