

Why Do We Exist?

TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

Our Purpose:

BREAK THE CYCLE OF GENERATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



1,482

CHILDREN RECEIVED
CHRISTMAS GIFTS



20

CHILDREN
ADOPTED



7,677

FOOD BOXES
DISTRIBUTED



800+

HOURS OF
TRAINING



850+

CHILDREN RECEIVED
SCHOOL SUPPLIES



WHY DO KIDS IN FOSTER CARE NEED OUR HELP?

3x

The rate of **abuse** for children living in poverty is more than **three times higher** than children not living in poverty.

7x

The rate of **neglect** for children living in poverty is more than **seven times higher** than children not living in poverty.

42%

42% of former foster youth reported having had at least one **homeless** experience by age 21.

46%

By age 26, only 46% of former foster youth were employed, compared to 80% of their peers.

66%

At age 21, 66% of former foster youth reported ever being arrested, compared to 12% of their peers.

35%

At age 21, 35% of former foster youth reported ever being convicted of a crime, compared to 6% of their peers.

EDUCATION in Kansas and Missouri

76%

By age 21, 76% of former foster youth have attained a high school diploma or GED, compared to 91% of their same age peers in Kansas.

83%

By age 21, 83% of former foster youth have attained a high school diploma or GED, compared to 93% of their same age peers in Missouri.

HOW WE HELP THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS



ADVOCACY

A foster or adoptive parent can feel stuck on a case and with no one by their side to help. Navigating the child welfare system can be tricky and overwhelming. FosterAdopt Connect's advocacy program pairs parents with foster care experts to get them help.



LICENSING

Every child deserves to be safe, and the best place to heal from abuse and neglect is in the care of a loving family. FosterAdopt Connect offers licensing services that give you the opportunity to be that loving family for a child in need.



TRAINING

Every parent needs support while doing the invaluable work of providing a safe home for vulnerable children. FosterAdopt Connect offers innovative training to help break the cycle of generational child abuse and neglect.



SAMMY'S WINDOW

The most common struggle for foster parents is a lack of support during difficult times. Kansas and Missouri provide two of the lowest stipends for foster parents in the US. Sammy's Window helps keep kids safe by supplying parents with essential items to meet the basic needs of children.



KINSHIP NAVIGATOR

Caring for children unexpectedly can be overwhelming. That's why FosterAdopt Connect's Kinship Navigator program exists. An experienced team gives one-on-one support to family and loved ones so they can access the services their family needs.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS YOUTH PROJECT

As kids become too old to stay in the child welfare system, they are often thrust into adulthood with no resources or support. This program connects youth to resources to help give them the skills they need to thrive.



EXTREME FAMILY FINDING™

Too often, children linger in care because there are not enough families willing to adopt. Extreme Family Finding™ puts a team of recruiters and private investigators to work finding relatives willing to care for children most at-risk of aging out.



FOSTERING PREVENTION

The trauma that a child experiences when being removed from their home can be intense and permanent. The Fostering Prevention program at FosterAdopt Connect helps families to solve problems before extreme measures need to be taken.



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BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONIST

Abuse and neglect hurts a to such an extent that it rewires their brains. This can lead to unsafe behaviors that make living in a family difficult. Behavioral Interventionists step in to give them the skills to manage their emotions in a safe and healthy way



LEGAL ADVOCACY

Minor legal troubles for children can become major barriers to a productive life. When children age out of the system, they have little support navigating adulthood. The legal advocacy team connects current or former foster youth with attorney representation.



30 DAYS TO FAMILY®

Children entering foster care have already experienced significant trauma and the last thing they need is to lose the connections they've had their entire lives. FosterAdopt Connect strives to keep connections strong with the 30 Days to Family® program.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEMBERSHIP

It's difficult to get access to quality behavioral health care. In partnership with FosterAdopt Connect, developmental pediatrician Dr. Michelle Kilo created a monthly membership program that brings responsive care for mental health issues to kids in foster care.

