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# AFFEC Adoption Agency

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## Support Group

Support Group: This group meets to encourage, support, and educate those who are caring for or mentoring youth in foster care.

When: 2nd and 4th  
Thursday of each month

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Where: Friends Church -  
3495 West 18th Eugene,  
OR 97402

Child care is available

## Challenges Unique to Foster Children

## Hopefully Helpful Webinars: Adoption Assistance

Many foster children waiting for adoption-and the children already adopted from foster care-have special physical, mental health, and developmental needs. Studies show that these children are at heightened risk of moderate to severe health problems, learning disabilities, developmental delays, physical impairments, and mental health difficulties.

Adoption assistance (also known as adoption subsidy) is a vital support to families raising children with often-serious behavioral, emotional, or physical disabilities. With adoption assistance, families are able to access medical care, counseling or therapy, special equipment, tutoring programs, and other supports that help them raise their children who have special needs.

Since 1994, NACAC has operated the Adoption Subsidy Resource Center to educate parents and professionals about the benefits available to children and youth adopted from foster care in the U.S. and Canada. In this section, you will find [profiles on each of the state subsidy programs](#), as well as a majority of the [provincial adoption assistance profiles](#). For the U.S., we offer [definitions of special needs](#), and [fact sheets](#) on various aspects relating to post-adoption support programs. We will be adding information specific to the Canadian system of adoption assistance, but right now much of this section is under construction.

### Two Free Webinars on Adoption Assistance

In the coming weeks, NACAC will offer two free webinars on adoption assistance:

- January 31, 2:30 p.m. central time, Adoption Assistance Benefits and Eligibility - Josh Kroll will present information about adoption assistance benefits, including which children are eligible and the benefits available. The session will be of use to prospective adopters as well as parents who are seeking to make a change in the child's benefits due to changes in the child's needs or family's circumstances. Register at [NACAC.org](http://NACAC.org)
- February 7, 2:30 p.m. central time, Adoption Assistance Advocacy - With state and provincial budgets continuing to be tight, adoptive parents, adoption professionals, and other child advocates will need to be vigilant in case legislators seek to balance budgets by reducing adoption assistance benefits. In this session, Adoption Subsidy

Listed here are just some of the issues young people living in foster care face. Some of these facts may surprise you. Some may disturb you. But they represent facts of life for half a million young people in foster care.

Sibling separations, no overnights allowed, no drivers license are just a few.

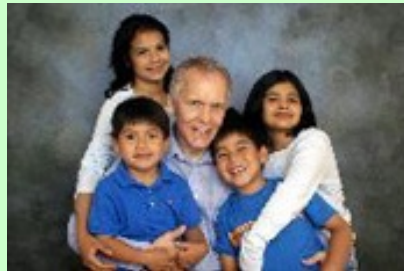
Read more [here](#).

Resource Center project coordinator Josh Kröll will explore advocacy strategies to maintain and enhance adoption subsidy programs. Register at [NACAC.org](http://NACAC.org) In February, we will also host webinars on the adoption tax credit. Stayed tuned to News from NACAC for those dates.

## Have You Ever Wondered if You're the "Right" Person? You Are!

A Family for Every Child Adoption Agency exists to help children waiting in foster care find their "Forever Families." We strive to find permanent homes for children who are waiting. Become an adoptive parent and give a child the love they deserve!

WHY NOT YOU?



Have you ever thought of adopting a child but wondered if you were the "right" person? YOU ARE!

Maybe you are worried that you don't make a lot of money? IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT... Or think that you need to own your own home? YOU DON'T! Or perhaps you are a single parent wondering if adoption can work for you? IT CAN!

A Family for Every Child Adoption Agency recognizes that "Forever Families" come in all shapes and sizes. We are a private agency and know that kids never outgrow the need for a "Forever Family." Please contact us if you think adoption might work for you; we can answer any questions you have or discuss concerns. We want to educate, support and encourage you on this journey.

A Family for Every Child Adoption Agency is different than many existing agencies because our focus is entirely on "special needs" adoptions.

Most of these children are over 6 years old, part of a sibling group, have some physical, mental or emotional disabilities, or are part of an ethnic minority. Unless they find their forever families soon, these children will likely spend the rest of their childhood in multiple foster care placements. Of special concern are children at risk of "aging-out" of foster care. Once these children reach 18, their foster families and the State of Oregon no longer have to give them assistance.

Left to fend for themselves, these hardest to place children have been in the system the longest and because they lack the family support system that most young adults take for granted, they face a higher risk of dropping out of school, homelessness, poverty, and young parenthood. They do not have any more time to wait!

We know, from working with many families over the last several years, we have a role to play in bridging the gap between really wonderful families and really wonderful children! Are you ready to start the process? We are here to help guide you. Contact our office for more information.

**Princess for a Day Event 2012**



On March 4, 2012, we will be hosting our 4th annual Princess for a Day event. This special day is an opportunity for Oregon girls to be treated like a princess for a day. It is designed to be a gift for foster children in the community as well as to raise awareness of foster children in Oregon. Each princess will take home a gown, crown, and slippers too.

She'll have her hair and nails done, and be in her very own photo shoot. Last but not least she and a guest will attend a tea party fit for a queen. We are accepting donations of new or gently used dresses, shoes, and accessories to fit girls ages 2-18. Bring donations to 880 Beltline Road, Springfield Oregon. Also visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Want to help transform girl into princesses for a day? If you are interested in volunteering for the event please e-mail [linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org). Register a princess, and give her a special day she deserves. The success of this event depends on you!

For additional information about A Family For Every Child or the Princess for a Day event, [click here](#) or contact us at 541-343-2856.



## It Takes a Village and We Need You!

**We want and need your help to spread the word! Here are ways you can help us recruit for kids:**

- Link us on your website. Contact: [Dennis@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Dennis@afamilyforeverychild.org)
- Email us any supports, training's, activities, blogs, anything that could help. Contact: [Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org)
- Become a [volunteer](#)
- Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
- Host a Heart Gallery. Contact: [Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org)
- Become a mentor. [Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org)
- Questions? Ideas? [Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org)

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