

A Family For Every Child
Adoption Agency



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

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Back to School with Your Adoptive Child: Easing the Transition



To some extent, when you send your child to school you are expecting the teacher to take over the role of parent. Young children spend most of their time in public with you, but once a child enters school, the parental buffer zone disappears. Can and should teachers fill this gap? How do you approach your child's teacher to guarantee the best outcome? We have put together some dos, don'ts, and things to remember when talking to school staff. [Click here to find out more!](#)

Other children at school will most certainly have questions and be curious about adoption and what it really means. When talking to children at school about adoption, Adoptive Family Magazine suggests tailoring your presentation to the age of the students. Beyond a simple definition of adoption, explaining the process to K-2nd graders may require some creativity. [Click here or follow the link below to gain some valuable insight and pointers to assist you when talking to younger children about this delicate topic.](#)

Making friends is an integral part of going to school; in fact, developing social relationships is nearly as important as the education itself. Friendship is hard

for many children, no matter their backgrounds, but adopted children with a history in the foster care system are at higher risk for social problems. They may never have had the opportunity to observe or engage positive interactions between peers in the way that children with families eager to set up "play dates" may have. What else causes friendship problems? What can you do to help? Click the link below to discover ways you can teach your child the social skills that he or she may not have developed in the past.

[Want to learn even more ways you can ease the adjustment of back to school for your child? Click here for the full article!](#)

Oregon Families

Open your heart and experience the joys that follow!

Are you thinking about adoption? There are currently over 450,000 children in foster care who are searching for their forever family. We are searching for Oregon families who would love to open their hearts and their homes to these wonderful children. These children are simply looking for someone to love and care for them, to provide them a sense of permanence and security, in essence, a family to be committed to them forever. These children need a family to help them with their homework, to attend their sporting events, graduations, and weddings. You do not have to be the perfect family to adopt a child. These children will love you just as you are!

We would love to help your family begin the adoption journey! We work with families all over the state of Oregon. We can set your family up with an informative orientation, complete a Homestudy for your family, and provide support for your family throughout the entire process.

If you are interested in adoption and would like more information please call
(541) 343-2856 or email

adoption@afamilyforeverychild.org

Save The Date!



When:

Thursday, November 13th, 2014

5:30pm-9:30pm

Where:

Valley River Inn

Eugene, Oregon

We would like to invite you to join us for our annual event: Home for the Holidays! It will be an evening of delicious food, wine, and exciting events benefiting foster children. This will include an auction, wine wall, dessert dash, and a raffle. Please come and join us for an evening of fun for a great cause!

[Click here for more info!](#)

Can't attend, but still want to help?

Everyone can do something to help a foster child!

We have helped over 3,200 children find their forever family nationwide. With your help and support we can continue to help these wonderful children! We are looking for donations of items of value, places to stay in various locations, wine and desserts for our annual event.

Any donation can be mailed to or dropped off at

1675 West 11th Eugene, Oregon

You can also contact us with any questions at:

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Join our Blog!

Every week we have great new posts on our Blog! Our Blog features inspiring and eye-opening stories about foster care, adoption, mentoring, and everything else in between. You can sign up for our mailing list below and each week you will receive the latest Blog posts. We will also inform you of ways you can help and fun events you can attend.



[Grab a cup of coffee and a snack, and click here to begin enjoying all the fun!](#)

It Takes a Village and We Need You!

We want and need your help to spread the word! Let everyone know about A Family For Every Child and our mission. You can tell families you know that want to adopt, friends you know who want to help great kids by becoming a mentor, or even students that you know who want to volunteer some time to a great cause. Everyone can help in one way or another!

Here are some other ways that you can help:

- **Become a volunteer** - we have lots of different areas that you can showcase your skills and abilities -contact: info@afamilyforeverychild.org
- **Become a Mentor** - there are wonderful kids right here in our community that are waiting for you - contact: mavis.sanchez@afamilyforeverychild.org
- **Host a Heart Gallery** - all you need is some space to showcase wonderful foster children who are waiting to find their Forever Family - contact: recruitment@afamilyforeverychild.org
- **Email us** - supports, trainings, activities, events, or anything else you think might help - contact: adoption@afamilyforeverychild.org

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