



A Family For Every Child
Matching Assistance



*"We should not be asking who this child belongs to,
but who belongs to this child."*

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Matching Assistance Program

If you are a home study approved family seeking to adopt from foster care, consider signing up for our FREE Matching Assistance Program! Some of our site features include suggested matches, the ability to mark children as a favorite, add notes, and see recruitment updates for children as we receive them, to name a few!

Our goal is to work alongside families, providing them with one-on-one communication, assurance, and support during the submission and waiting process. As a member of

Dealing with Lying and Manipulation

All children will lie and attempt to manipulate their parents at some point in their lives. Sometimes it's harmless - "But Dad said I could have ice cream before dinner" - and sometimes it's not. When manipulation and lying become an issue is when a child tries to take control of a situation, leaving you feeling completely helpless. Children who grew up in foster care use lying and manipulation as a way to control a situation. They have learned that if they are not in control, bad things will happen.

Children also use lying and manipulation as a way to test your boundaries; they want to see what they can get away with, and how you will respond. As the child's foster or adoptive parent you

Matching Assistance you will have the ability to submit your home study and family profile for over 2,000 waiting children and sibling groups listed on our site, with the assurance that your submission is going directly to a child's caseworker.

Your adoption worker will be receive a copy of your submission with information on where to follow up, so they will be kept in the loop. In addition, you will have the opportunity to partake in our very successful recruitment services; receive weekly how to emails containing valuable information and resources about foster care adoption; receive weekly emails featuring recently listed children; have access to knowledgeable and helpful staff, and more!

[Sign up](#) today to take full advantage of our free program!

Additional Resources

Be a Family - [How Do I Handle Manipulation and Control?](#)

Colorado Adopt - [Foster Child Q&A with Heather Forbes: Manipulation](#)

Empowering Parents - [Masters of Manipulation: How](#)

must confront your child's lies and manipulative behavior as soon as you suspect they are going on. Having clear expectations is also helpful. The following are some strategies parents can employ in dealing with lying and manipulative behavior:

- 1) Stop the behavior before it even starts. You can do this by supervising your child as much as possible. Be there to witness and correct your child's behavior, and give alternatives.
- 2) Show your child that every action has a consequence. Make sure the consequence is related to the action.
- 3) Teach your child how to care. It is very likely that your child does not know how to care for others. He or she may not have experienced this feeling, and therefore do not know how to show it. To decrease lying and manipulative behaviors, show your child caring behaviors. You will have to do more than model them; you will need to explicitly point them out as they happen.
- 4) Double check with your partner. Make sure you and your partner are on the same page when it comes to rules, discipline, and consequences. Children will pick up on any divisiveness and will use that to their advantage. Be consistent and firm. If your child says

[Kids Control You With Behavior](#)

Fostering Perspectives -
[Children Who Lie and Steal](#)

Heather Forbes - [Beyond Consequences Vol. 1](#)

Heather Forbes - [Beyond Consequences Vol. 2](#)

Recent Matches!

Congratulations to the following families who were matched in July and August:

- K & M with an out of state sibling group on our site
- K. C. with an out of state child on our site
- M & D with an in-state child
- J & R with an out of state child
- L.B. with an out of state child
- K & J with an in-state sibling group
- C & L with an out of state child
- M & G with an out of state sibling group on our site
- E & B with an out of state child
- L & C with an in-state sibling group on our site
- L & E with an out of state sibling group
- J.K with an in-state child
- D & R

Volunteer Needs

[Family Adoption Specialist](#)

one parent told them they could do something, before you agree to it tell the child "let me check with mom/dad first".

5) Encourage your child to be honest. Let them know they don't have to use lies to get what they want. Instead, they just need to ask.

6) Determine what your child's needs are and how to meet them. Becoming in-tune with your child's fears and needs will help you meet them and show the child that they can trust you to take care of them. Overtime, they should slowly stop using tricks and lies to get what they want.

Waiting Agency Family

Meet Angie and Michael!



We are Michael and Angie Gray. We have been married for 17 years and have three awesome sons: Michael (13),

The Matching Assistance Program is seeking motivated volunteers and interns in Eugene to assist with our new Additional Services program! As a Family Adoption Specialist you will work with a small caseload of families, sending them monthly child searches, following up on child submissions, assisting with home study submissions, encouraging participation in family recruitment services, and providing support and guidance as needed. This position must be done from our Eugene office.

Desired qualifications include:

- Customer service experience
- Computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Word and the Internet
- Excellent verbal and written skills with the ability to communicate across diverse populations
- The ability to provide support, empathy and resources to adoptive families
- The ability to work with minimal supervision while completing work in a timely manner

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Matthew (12) and Noah (7). We are an active, fun and loving family looking to add another child or sibling group to our family.

Our preference is for a sibling group to include a girl. We would welcome children of any race or ethnicity with joy and open arms. We are seeking to adopt a child between the ages of zero and 11. We are open to maintaining relationships with the birth family and foster family as long as it is safe for the child. We believe it is important for children to know where they came from and that they were loved since the day they were born.

I am a stay-at-home mom. I have a graduate degree in Nutrition and get to practice my education each and every day as a wife and mother. Michael is a physical therapist, working as a Clinic Director along with treating patients. He loves his work, getting to interact with people and helping them heal.

Our boys are very active, spending much of their time outside playing. They participate on competitive soccer and basketball teams. We are a family that loves music of all genres. Dad (Michael) plays guitar, and the boys play violin. Some of our favorite things to do as a family are bike rides (our town is extremely bike friendly!), cuddling up on our big sofa with yummy snacks and a movie, and playing games at the park.

to learn more about the position.

Training will be provided. A three-month minimum commitment is required.

Register for Matching Events

A Family for Every Child offers two different matching events that families and caseworkers may partake in and benefit from. The first are **Child Matching Events**. During Child Matching Events, caseworkers may present the biographies of the waiting children on their caseload to home study approved families. In turn, families may ask the caseworker questions about the child, and then submit their home study at the end of the event if they are interested.

The second are **Family Matching Events**. During Family Matching Events, families may present their biographies to caseworkers, allowing caseworkers to ask questions and connect families with children on their caseload that they feel would be a good match for the family. Keep checking the matching event pages to see additional children who will be

Our experience is rooted in raising our three sons for the past 13 years. We have learned a lot from the ups and downs of parenting and look forward to applying our experience with a new child (or children).

We have taken the Foundations for Foster Adoption coursework as well as read books and taken an additional seminar. We will continue to seek out ways to educate and equip ourselves to parent an adopted child successfully. We are the type of people who will take action, advocate and strive to get help and answers as issues arise.

[Learn more about Angie and Michael!](#)

Waiting Matching Assistance Family

Meet Chad!



I would prefer a boy between 6 months and 8 years old of any race. I am open to in-state or out of state adoptions, as well as a legal risk child where it is almost certain that the parental rights

participating in the event!

You may register for upcoming matching events and view past events all from our [Matching Events home page](#).

are going to be terminated. I know that with patience, love, and the right child, I can provide the direction, discipline and resources to help the child grow into his full potential.

I enjoy riding my bicycle, working out at the gym, volunteering through a mentoring program at an elementary school, and other organizations (Habitat for Humanity, Hands on Atlanta, Kelley School of Business, etc.), traveling and experiencing new cultures, and playing with my dogs. I have two small terrier mix canines (Clay and Rocco). They have a lot of energy, but are friendly. Rocco is 8 years old and Clay is 2 years old. I am a kind and loving person.

When I have told others that I am in the process of adopting a child, usually the first comment is you would be a great dad. That makes me smile because I know that I will be, but that it will also be challenging but very much rewarding.

Currently I do not have children, but I believe that you need to set clear expectations and teaching the correct behavior and rewarding those can be just as effective. I was a Big Brother in the Big Brother/Big Sister program while in college, would commonly babysit my nieces while I lived in Indiana, and currently do mentoring at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School working with

3rd, 4th and 5th graders. I used to also do mentoring at Duleith Elementary School working with 1st and 2nd graders.

I have participated in all of the IMPACT training classes to become a foster to adopt parent. I have also taken additional training for Stewards of Children, Understanding the Impact of Trauma and Educational Advocacy and First Aid.

I am a very organized, friendly, and possess strong communication skills. I would also say that I am a responsible, easygoing, laid back kind of guy with a great sense of humor mixed in with some sarcasm. I have a lot of patience and compassion, which goes along well with my willingness to help others.

[Learn more about Chad!](#)

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