

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



**Please Join Us to
Celebrate Summer and
YOU!**

**You MUST RSVP using the
link below!**

Mark your calendars for
August 22, 2015 from 6:00
- 9:00pm

A Family For Every Child is
teaming up with
Meriwether Winery for our
3rd Annual Summer Event.
(88334 Vineyard Lane
Veneta, Oregon)

We would like to thank you
for helping A Family For
Every Child carry out our



Washington Families!
Find Out About Adoption

Interested in adopting? Find out more about the process of adoption and get started... it is our goal to significantly reduce the barriers to adoption by making the process positive and exciting all around. Begin your adoption process now and plan on growing your family this year. Then call 541-343-2856 to schedule an orientation convenient for you! You can also email kim@afamilyforeverychild.org

A Family for Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child. A Family For Every Child, a nonprofit organization, was started by Christy Obie-Barrett and dozens of

mission to find loving, permanent families for every child in foster care.

We are requesting that you please bring a donation for the silent auction or wine wall at our *Home For The Holidays* event on November 17, 2015 valued at \$25.00 or more for each adult who attends.

Donation Ideas Include:

Restaurant Gift Cards
Spa Gift Cards
Retail Gift Cards
Sporting Event Tickets
Oregon Duck Items
Weekend Getaways
Or Buy a Bottle of Merrwether Wine for the Wine Wall.

Dinner provided by Texas Roadhouse Grill
Beer and Wine
Music provided by:

Deb Cleveland and the Vipers

Help us find a home for thousands of children in foster care by joining us for a fun filled night.

[Visit our website to RSVP](#)

dedicated and passionate volunteers. In 2006, AFPEC was formed and developed into an organization focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for all waiting children. Our intention is to develop programs that assist special-needs/challenging-to-place foster children in finding their own Forever Families.

- See more [here](#)

Welcome to Adoption Basics.....

Each month this section will address basic questions regarding the adoption process, adoption agencies, and adoptive families.

Step 3 Adoptive Parent Training

Each state requires training to become an adoptive parent. The training sessions vary by area/location, 4 to 10 weeks, or weekend sessions. You will want to check into what is available in your area. Check out our [training page](#). The training sessions are designed to:

Prepare prospective parents to better understand a child who comes out of the foster care system.

Prepare you for adoption.

Challenge you to grow and develop as a parent.

Help you consider what type of child can I successfully parent? Am I able to parent a child who has been neglected or abused to some degree?

Step 4 - Parent Application Process



Mentor Assisted Life Skills & Educational Outreach

A Family For Every Child has begun two new programs in order to help support mentors and mentees in our mentor program. **The Educational Outreach Program and Mentor Assisted Life Skills.** The mission of these branches is to support youth educationally through connecting with their schools and providing them with the life skills they need in order to live as successful adults.

- See more [here](#)

Who Do We Serve?

Our program serves Oregon youth in Lane County, the greater Portland area, and other areas of Western Oregon. We serve children who are at risk and in need of permanent connections due to being in foster care or spending time in the foster care system. If you are a caseworker with questions, please contact our Lane County Mentor Director [Mavis Sanchez](#) by clicking on the link or you

This is where you will want to narrow down the agency that you want to go with to prepare your Home Study. You will want to make sure that you feel comfortable with the agency, and the adoption worker that you will be working with. The steps for each agency differ slightly in training, timelines, and when items need to be completed and returned. The application will often include:

- Background Checks
- References
- Financial Statements
- Medical Reports
- Marriage/Divorce Decrees
- Autobiographies
- Life Sketch
- Why Adoption?

- See more [On Our Website](#)



Six Steps To Family Finding

Step 1 - Discovery

Goal: Create more plans for support and planning.

Practice: Identify at least 40 family members connected to the youth. Connect with adults who have been key supporters of the child or parents. Success is achieved when the family is extensively known.

Step 2 - Engagement

Goal: Engage individuals who know the child best or

can complete a referral form. To learn more about the kids we serve [click here](#).



Become a Volunteer Photographer of Foster Children

The Heart Gallery is a portrait exhibit displayed to raise awareness of the needs of foster children. Foster children waiting and hoping for their own adoptive family to love and protect them. Professional photographers volunteer to take compelling portraits and these beautifully framed and matted portraits get displayed along with the children's biographies in various venues that will touch your heart.

have had a historic connection with the youth. Practice: Through the use of individualized strategies engage individuals who love the child and enlist their support. Prepare family members for the possibility of working with the child's case staff to make plans around the child's needs.

Step 3 - Planning

Goal: Hold meetings with kith and kin connections, case staff, and those who love the youth in order to plan for the successful future of the child.

Practice: Bring identified family members and others who care about the youth's essential, lifelong need for support and connection. Participants should be allowed a voice in the process. Challenges will be identified and solutions created. Planning will be done on a "plans fail, our children do not" mentality.

Learn more [here](#)

Do you need family finding help? Please contact us at:

Office:541.343.2856

Fax:541.343.2866

Email: famfind@afamilyforeverychild.org



Are you interested in making a difference in your community? We are looking for a talented individual



We would not be here if it wasn't for all the support of our photographers. If you would like more information on how you can become a volunteer photographer, please [Click Here](#)

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who can assist in developing our outreach and recruitment plan.

Do you have talent for marketing? Do you know or can you learn Constant Contact? Do you like to design newsletters?

We are looking for passionate, dedicated people to assist us in fulfilling our mission. When you work with us, you not only expand your skills but you contribute to making a difference in the life of a foster child.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteer application available [here](#).

No Contribution is too small!!