

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



Did You Know?

That **A Family For Every Child** has a life book / welcome book program?

Life Books are used to tell the story of foster children much like a scrap book. The creation of a life book can be very therapeutic for a foster child or a newly placed adoptive child. This program allows the child to create their story, in their words through pictures and scrap book pages.

Welcome Books are created by the family to introduce the adoptive child to their new family. Hand made welcome books give the child a special feeling about the family and their potential new life.

You can find [MORE INFORMATION HERE](#) about this program. We encourage every family to explore this program.

Please email kim@afamilyforeverychild.org today for more information on how you can utilize this service.



**Please Join Us at our
Annual Event
'A Home For the Holidays'**

**Mark your calendars for
November 17, 2015
5:30pm - 9:00pm**

Each year A Family For Every Child works to make a meaningful difference in the lives of foster children. We are committed to maintaining low fees to adoptive families. This event helps support the agency in reaching that goal.

According to the latest statistics 1.4% of children in

Oregon are in foster care.
That means **11,443**
children in Oregon are
currently not living at home.

As a community, you can
make a difference in the
lives of these children while
enjoying an elegant night
out including dinner, silent
auction, and a rousing live
auction!

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

The evening will include:

Elegant Dinner
Wine Wall
Live Auction filled with
Amazing auction items
(France anyone?)
Silent Auction
Desert Dash
and much, much, more!!

Bill Barrett and Sid Voorhees
return as our Masters of
Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

Tickets sell out fast, so don't
miss your opportunity for a
wonderful night of fun while
making a difference in the
life of a child.

A Family For Every Child Mission

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 dedicated and passionate volunteers. In 2006, AFFEC 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.

Picking the Right Agency

There are a lot of variables among the services provided by different adoption agencies. One common first step is an orientation meeting, training, or session for prospective adoptive parents. At the meeting you will likely learn the following:

Policies and practices regarding adoption
What types of children are available to adopt
Learn about the foster care system
Examine your feelings about adoption
Gain insight to challenges and rewards of adoptive parenting.

Questions to Ask Before the Home Study

[Visit our website to RSVP](#)

A Family For Every Child
Mentor Program



"A Mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself"



Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference in the life of child?

Have you ever considered becoming a mentor? The process is very straight forward.

Step 1 - Complete the volunteer application. This application can be found on our website and asks basic questions about you and your likes so you can be matched with a youth that you have a common connection with.

Step 2 - In-Home Interview
All Mentor volunteers have an in-home interview. A staff member will review your application with you, provide the guidelines for the program and answer any questions you might have.

Step 3 - Background Check
Anyone working with children must pass a criminal background check. A staff

Is the agency licensed by the State for special needs adoptions?

How many special needs adoptions have they completed in the past 5 years?

How many disruptions has the agency had in the past 5 years?

Does the agency provide support services after the placement?

Agency Specific Questions

What is the average time between application and placement?

Does the Agency sponsor and support groups for parents?

What are the Agency requirements for training, documents, travel, fees, and interviews?

About the Costs

What are the costs for adoption?

Does the Agency have a fee schedule?

About Child Matching

Will the Agency follow up on children you find on the internet?

Does the Agency provide matching assistance?

Is the Agency willing to make interstate adoptions?

All these questions and many more can be found on our website. Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency Program Director by email at kim@afamilyforeverychild.org

- See more [on our Website](#)

member will take your fingerprints and submit them to the BCU for approval.

Step 4 - Mentor Orientation
This orientation reviews the rules and requirements of the program, how to use the mentor match system and how to communicate with your mentor and AFFEC staff.

Have questions? Please contact our Lane County Mentor Director [Mavis Sanchez](#) by clicking on the link or you can complete a referral form. To learn more about the kids we serve [click here](#).

Heart Gallery

A portrait exhibit displayed to raise awareness of the needs of foster children



Eugene Featured Heart Gallery: The Eugene Airport

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



Family Preservation and Parent Mentor Program



Meeting the Unmet Need

Community members coming together to strengthen the family unit one parent at a time

Family Preservation Program

We at A Family For Every Child are excited to introduce our latest program designed to aid families BEFORE children are placed in foster care. There are families in our communities at risk for child abuse or neglect. These families need guidance to move on to the next chapter of their lives, learning to make positive changes for themselves and their families.

What is Family Preservation? Family preservation is an intervention and preservation program that is culturally responsive and community based. Through this program parents and youth become empowered to make positive long-term changes for their families. Parent mentors lead by example to achieve personal growth, improve family functioning, and achieve parental and youth resilience.

Every day mentors use their gifts to help strengthen families and communities. We are offering the gift of time, a hand up instead of a hand out, and someone to work with an at risk family to help them build a stronger family and empower them with tools to be better parents to a child who is part of our community.

[Find Out More Here](#)

Could you benefit from a family mentor?
Do you know a family that could benefit from a mentor?

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.



Departing or arriving at the Eugene Airport? Please take a minute to view the waiting children on display. Want to donate to the Heart Gallery?

[Click Here to Donate \\$75.00 to Sponsor a Frame!!](#)

A Family For Every Child is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your entire donation is tax deductible.

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[Click Here to Refer A Family](#)



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

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