



# A Family For Every Child

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# A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



Please plan to join us for 'Princess For A Day'

Mark your calendars for April 3, 2016

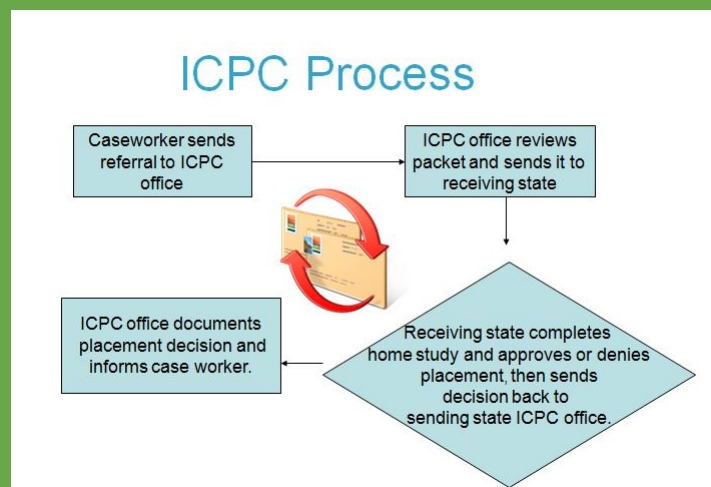
Princess for a Day is a special event that allows foster children to be transformed into a princess for one special day. Princess for a Day is for children ages 2 - 18 and is designed to be a gift to foster children in the area as well as to raise awareness about the foster care system.

This event is free for children in foster care and \$50.00 dollars for community children.

Princess for a Day is an annual event allowing foster

## What is ICPC?

75% of our Families adopt from another state!



AFFEC Adoption Agency can offer families the opportunity to find a match from anywhere in the country. Our agency can easily facilitate the placement of an out of state child, and help families maneuver the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

What is ICPC?

children to have a special day just for them.  
Registration is now open.

Follow this [Princess Link](#) to register your Princess today!!!



### Core Beliefs of the National Family Finding Model

- Every child has a family.
- Loneliness can be devastating, and particularly felt by foster children.
- Meaningful connections to family help children develop a sense of belonging.
- The single most identified factor contributing to positive outcomes for children involves meaningful connections and lifelong relationships with family.

A Family For Every Child's Family Finding program finds and engages relatives and kith connections of children who are in the child welfare system or at risk of entering foster care. This is a community-based program which serves the goal of the federal and state mandate of strengthening, preserving, and reunifying families. It also assists the state of Oregon in implementing different response methods for both front end and back end cases.

To learn more about Family Finding, please feel free to contact us directly at: 541.343.2856 or [famfind@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:famfind@afamilyforeverychild.org)

The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children is the best means we have to ensure protection and services to children who are placed across state lines for foster care or adoption. The Compact is a uniform law that has been enacted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It establishes orderly procedures for the interstate placement of children and fixes responsibility for those involved in placing the child

What does the compact do?

The Compact law contains 10 articles. They define the types of placements and placers subject to the law; the procedures to be followed in making an interstate placement; and the specific protections, services, and requirements brought by enactment of the law.

Please email [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org) today for more information on how you can learn more about adopting!

### 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](#)

*Adoption Resources.....*



**Join Our Free Matching Assistance Program!**

If you are a home study-approved family seeking to adopt from foster care, sign up for our FREE Matching Assistance Program using MAP Express! With our new registration form, families can quickly and easily sign up for the Matching Assistance Program.

Our goal is to work alongside families nationwide, providing them with one-on-one communication, assurance, and support during the submission and waiting process. As a member of Matching Assistance you will enjoy many benefits, including:

- Submit your home study for thousands of nationwide waiting children on our site, with the guarantee that your home study is sent directly to a child's caseworker.
- Caseworker contact information post-submission for certain states, allowing you to follow up on your submissions
- Recruitment services that connect your family with a child's caseworker.
- Suggested child matches via email, with a link to submit your home study
- A private online support group to connect with other waiting MAP families
- Low fee Additional Services Program with an Adoption Specialist
- Access to helpful resources on a variety of adoption topics

Learn more [about MAP here](#)



There are many resources available to assist you before, during, and after an adoption is complete. Many of these resources are listed on our website [HERE](#)

- Adoption Assistance Subsidy**
- College Scholarships**
- Employee Benefit Programs**
- Federal Adoption Tax Credit**
- Pre-Finalization Phase**
- Post Adoption Phase**
- Post Adoption Training and Support**

Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency Program Director by email at [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org)



**Be the difference in a child's life! When kids enjoy a regular, positive activity with an adult over the course of a year, those kids are 46% less likely to begin using drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, and 52% less likely to skip school. This decreases drug-related suspensions, drug related crime, and the number of babies born drug-affected.**

**Children guided by positive role models are more likely to improve their academic performance, make better decisions, have more self confidence, and a sense of belonging. Foster youth with a mentor tend to have better relationships with parents/caregivers, teachers and peers. They are also more likely to attend**

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!!**

and graduate from college.

**Become a mentor today!**

Have questions? Please contact our 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.](#)



**Hero for a Day**

**Hero for a day will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the Willamalane Center from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

**Look for more details in the coming months!!**