

# **Perseverance and Dedication**

**A Family For Every Child**  
Matching Assistance Program

Children in the foster care system need as many dedicated advocates to help them through the adoption process as possible.

Dedication:  
to devote wholly and earnestly, as to some person or purpose

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The children in foster care programs are used to instability. That can be one of the reasons they are placed in these programs to begin with.

Accepting a new family member into your home is a big step for you and for the child involved. It can be a wonderful experience to find that one person you have been waiting for.

However, for some of these children this is not the first time they have been accepted into someone's home. For some, it has happened many times and with all the excitement involved there is also disappointment.

Because these kids have done this before they will test your boundaries in order to see how serious you are about taking care of them. If things get rocky they need to know that you will be there for them no matter what. In the past that might be the reason a family has given up.

And while giving up might end in a last ditch effort, it should not be the first option new parents jump to.

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Do not give up on them. If it started out so good and then went sour, this is them making sure you will love them no matter what. It will get better. This takes time and patience and our Matching Assistance Program is here to help answer questions and to help you in any way they can.

“It’s worth every minute of battle.”

**Break the Cycle!**

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