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A Family For Every Child
Matching Assistance



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



Dear ,

As you go through the matching and placement process, it is important to be flexible. Sometimes you may find that your child preferences are too restrictive, so you expand them to include older children, sibling groups, other races, or more special needs. Other times you may not have all of a child's background information, and are surprised when they move in and start exhibiting behaviors that you were not aware of. Maybe you set a timeline for yourself, and believed that you would be placed after a certain amount of time. Through the entire process, it's important to keep an open mind and to "go with the flow". Be flexible. Relax. Your day to be selected will come, and it will be worth all the submitting, waiting, and frustrations.

Click the link below to read one family's story about their adoption journey. They waited five years (!) to adopt a healthy girl from China. What they ended up with was a complete surprise, but they were excited nonetheless.

[Adoption: Expect the Unexpected](#)

Keeping an open mind throughout the entire process may help your family become matched faster, and ease some of the stress and frustration that comes with seeking to adopt from foster care.

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