

A Family For Every Child
Matching Assistance



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

**Social media recruitment:
Creating a family website, blog, or Facebook page**

Recruitment and self-advocating are two of the best ways to connect with caseworkers and help expedite the matching process. Our Matching Assistance Program offers a number of free recruitment options to assist your family. But families may also do a little recruiting on their own! I really encourage you to look into various ways that you can recruit for your family. Just like you are drawn to a child when they have a detailed biography and photo, caseworkers are also drawn to families that have a well-written biography and nice family photo. It is easier for them to connect with your family and determine if you will be a good match for a child through a family biography than it is through a home study. A home study is great to learn about your background, health, finances, and more, but a family biography is where a caseworker will really get to know who you really are. And making that connection is really important. Below are a few different ways that you can show off your family—who you are, your personality, what you're looking for in a child, etc., in addition to your family biography.

Please remember to not disclose any personal information on your website, blog post, or Facebook page. Set it up so a caseworker can contact you through the site or through your agency.

Website/blog sites

Below are some different websites you can look into to create your own site or blog. This is a great way to give a caseworker a glimpse into your family and daily life! Feel free to add a link to your blog or website in your family biography or profile on our site.

[Wix](#)

[Blog Spot](#)

[Word Press](#)

Facebook page

Many thanks to the MAP family who told me about the Facebook page they created to connect with caseworkers and others who know of children that need forever homes! Creating a Facebook page is another great way to give caseworkers additional information about your family and your interests, profession, child preferences, experiences, and more. You can create a Facebook page for your family [here](#). Select the "Cause or Community" option to create a page for your family.

You should also take the time to "like" various adoption organization's pages. Organizations like Adopt Us Kids, Northwest Adoption Exchange, A Family for Every Child, and other state foster care photo listing agencies will often post profiles of waiting children or newly added children, in addition to resources, upcoming trainings and webinars, events, news articles, and more. It's also a great place to post adoption questions and get answers from professionals and experienced families. The following are some pages that you may find helpful:

[A Family for Every Child](#)

[Listening to Parents](#)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

[Voices for Children](#)

[CASA](#)

[The Adoption Exchange](#)

[Northwest Adoption Exchange \(NWAE\)](#)

[Dave Thomas Foundation](#)

[Center for Adoption Support and Education \(C.A.S.E.\)](#)

[North American Council on Adoptable Children \(NACAC\)](#)

[Adopt Us Kids](#)

Other social media connections

The following are a couple of other ways you can connect with workers without creating profiles and pages:

- Connect with local and national organizations on Twitter! Twitter is a great place to receive updates on local events, resources, volunteer opportunities, and more. The following are some pages you may find helpful:

[A Family for Every Child](#)

[Adopt America Network \(AAN\)](#)

[Adopt Us Kids](#)

[Northwest Adoption Exchange \(NWAE\)](#)

[NACAC](#)

[MARE](#) (Michigan)

[Dave Thomas Foundation](#)

[WACAP](#)

[Project Meet Me Halfway](#)

- Sign up for A Family for Every Child's [Matching Events](#)! These events are open to families who are home study approved and seeking to adopt from foster care. **Family Matching Events** require a family biography and participation in our free [Matching Assistance Program](#), but **Child Matching Events** simply require a family to have a current (within the last 2 years) home study that approves them to adopt from foster care.
- Subscribe to e-newsletters! A lot of foster care adoption organizations and websites send out e-newsletters that contain information on upcoming events, child profiles, resources, adoption information, and more.

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