



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Matching Assistance Program?

A: The Matching Assistance Program (MAP) is a free program available to families who are seeking to adopt a child from the foster care system. We assist families during the “matching” phase of the adoption process.

Q: Who are the families that sign up for your program?

A: All our MAP families are home study approved and ready to adopt children from foster care. We serve families from all over the country, in addition to a few overseas military families.

Q: What is MAP’s role during the adoption process?

A: MAP is here to provide families with additional support and resources during the matching phase of the adoption process. We connect families, adoption workers, and caseworkers to help families and children become matched. Once a family is potentially matched or matched with a child, we step out of the process and you will work solely with the family and their adoption worker.

Q: Are there any fees associated with your program?

A: No! All of our services are free.

Q: How may I obtain more information about a specific family who is signed up for MAP?

A: There are a few ways you can gather more information about our MAP families. You may search for families on our site by clicking on the *Family Tasks* tab, hovering over the “Families” tile, and clicking on [Search Families](#) to look up families by their child preferences, or [Lookup Specific Family](#) to search for them by email. This will allow you to see their family profile and learn more about the family, their interests, parenting experiences, and child preferences.

You may also request a copy of their home study from their adoption worker by using the [Directory](#) to look up their contact information, or from the Matching Assistance Coordinator at matching@afamilyforeverychild.org. In turn, we ask that you send us any child profiles that may be a good match for the family.

Q: Who are the children you serve?

A: We list children on our site who are in foster care. These children may be of any age, race, sibling group size, special needs level, or legal status.

Q: How many children have you served?

A: Since we started listing children back in 2007, we have served over 9,000 children. Since 2007 we have helped place 4,000 (and counting!) children and sibling groups.

Q: What types of recruitment services can you offer me for the children on my caseload?

A: We have a number of wonderful, very successful recruitment options for any child on your caseload. First, you may use our photo listing services. You may have the child listed on our public site so any family may inquire about them, or solely on our additional database of children so only MAP families who are home study-approved may submit for them. Any child who is listed on our public site is automatically listed on our additional database as well.

We can also offer you targeted emails, and [Child Matching Events](#).

In addition, you may also attend [Family Matching Events](#) to get to listen to some of our MAP families as they present information about themselves.

Finally, you may contact the Matching Assistance Coordinator at matching@afamilyforeverychild.org to have Feature Family emails delivered to your inbox weekly. These emails feature two of our waiting MAP families, presenting a brief biography and a link to their profile. You may send the Matching Assistance Coordinator any child profiles that you feel would be a good fit for the families who are featured.