

A Family For Every Child Matching Assistance



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

Benefits of MAP

Our Mission

A Family for Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent homes for waiting foster children. Our Matching Assistance Program is committed to helping match waiting families with foster children by providing the tools families need to create their forever family.

What is Matching Assistance?

A Family for Every Child's Matching Assistance Program is a free program designed to help waiting families become matched with waiting foster children. Our program is most beneficial to families who are seeking to adopt a foster child over the age of seven with special needs. We provide families with resources and assistance during their adoption journey through newsletters, how-to guides, various media recommendations, a Family Adoption Specialist, and more. We provide families with the tools to submit and advocate for themselves, while offering support and assistance during the matching process.

How Matching Assistance Benefits Your Family

Submission Autonomy: We provide a way for families to submit their home studies directly to a child's caseworker. Families may submit for as many children as they would like, as often as they would like! This eliminates the need for a family to submit an inquiry on another website, or to contact their adoption worker every time they would like to make a submission. By allowing families to submit their home study directly through our site, we are able to track a family's submissions and shorten their wait time. A family's adoption worker is notified every time their family makes a submission, and is sent the contact information for the child's caseworker. Families also receive recruitment updates on the children they have submitted for as we receive them from a child's caseworker. Home studies are automatically attached; so families only need to answer a few questions and click submit!

First-rate Search Capabilities: We offer families an easy way to search for children by entering in their child preferences, and we give suggested matches based on their child preferences or children they have submitted for

in the past. In addition, families may browse through suggested in-state and out-of-state matches to find even more children that may be a good fit for their family. These various search features cut down on the time it takes to search and submit for children.

Family Profiles: During the sign up process, families have the opportunity to create their own family profile to send to caseworkers. The family profile includes a brief narrative with pictures and information about the family and what they can offer a foster child. The family narrative allows the family to show off their personality and make a more personal connection with a caseworker. Home studies tend to be very similar, but the family narrative is a way for the family to show off how unique they are and make them stand out. The family narrative is sent out with every home study submission a family makes through our site.

Free Recruitment: In addition, we offer a number of very successful recruitment options that revolve around the family narrative. Families may have their narrative featured on our Waiting Families page; sent out in a weekly recruitment email to over 4000 caseworkers, CASAs, and recruiters; featured in our online Matching Events, and more! Our recruitment options allow families to connect one-on-one with caseworkers.

Additional Support and Resources: All families are assigned Family Adoption Specialist volunteer to provide them with assistance with their family narratives, offsite submissions, provide resources, and support and guidance. Families also receive weekly how to emails containing valuable information and resources about various adoption topics, and bi-monthly newsletters covering additional adoption topics and issues.

Questions?

Families interested in learning more about Matching Assistance and how to sign up may visit our website at www.afamilyforeverychild.org or they may contact the Matching Assistance Coordinator at matching@afamilyforeverychild.org.