

Who Should be Referred?

The Children's Division (and its contracted agencies) Case Manager and or Adoption Worker can complete a referral form for any child whose case plan is adoption. Children need not live in Missouri to be featured. Sibling groups, special needs children and older children can be featured. TPR should have occurred, but this is not always the case. Referrals can be faxed to 314.241.0715, emailed to Jessi Brawley, Development & Community Relations Manager, at jessibrawley@foster-adopt.org, or mailed to: *Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition, Attn: Jessi Brawley, 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 210, St. Louis, MO 63101.*

What to Expect During Filming

The segment will feature a youth involved in a favorite activity, which allows shy kids' personalities to shine. The Producer and Camera Person from KSDK will be present at the filming in addition to a representative from the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. The filming usually takes 1 ½ hours from start to finish. A representative from the filming location may be interviewed for the segment.

KSDK has been producing "A Place to Call Home" for over seven years and truly respects the rights of our children and families. Strengths-based information will be shared and information contained in the child's public adoption profile. Again, the Coalition is present at all filmings and will help ensure that the

When Does the Segment Air?

KSDK promotes "A Place to Call Home" with Public Service Announcements (PSA) and myth-busting stories, and a prominent place on their website at www.ksdk.com. The segment airs four times a week during highly-rated time slots:

*Tuesday at 6 p.m. / Wednesday at Noon
Thursday at 5:30 a.m. / Saturday at 9 a.m.*

What Happens Afterwards?

After a child has been aired on "A Place to Call Home" interested families are referred to the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition. We conduct a thorough 20 to 30 minute interview with each caller to explain the licensing process including training, background checks, home study, and expected demands of being a foster or adoptive parent. Staff spends more than 400 hours a year counseling prospective foster/adoptive parents. We then refer the families to respective agencies for training.

Each child featured on "A Place to Call Home" will receive a "Little Wish". The goal of the program is simply to help foster children have positive childhood memories. The Coalition will also arrange for professional pictures to be taken of each child featured on "A Place to Call Home" at **Sears Portrait Studios**. The professional pictures will be used in adoption recruitment (i.e. KSDK's website, Coalition website) and will be given to the child for their lifebook.



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