

# FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION

For Every Child...

A Place to Call Home

2010 at a Glance



## What we do

We believe that "Every Child Deserves a Place to Call Home."

We fulfill this purpose by:

- 🏠 Finding foster/adoptive families for children in foster care
- 🏠 Supporting foster/adoptive families to ensure the time children spend in care is the best it can be

## Our history

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition began in 1989 as an informal organization of foster care professionals seeking a solution to a common problem – finding more foster parents for the growing number of children in State custody. Today, the Coalition has 33 member agencies, is an award-winning organization, and is the most successful recruiter of foster and adoptive families in the region.

## What makes us unique

The Coalition:

- 🏠 **Provides aggressive, multifaceted recruitment of adoptive families for waiting children**  
We find forever families for children when all other recruitment methods have failed.
- 🏠 **Supports foster/adoptive parents**  
Foster and adoptive families who participate in our programs, trainings and services have a 99% retention rate, compared to 40% nationally. These efforts help families keep their homes open to children as long as possible.
- 🏠 **Serves all foster and adoptive families**  
All foster and adoptive parents, no matter where they live in the St. Louis metro area or what agency provides their training and licensing, can participate in our programs and benefit from our services.
- 🏠 **Meets needs to fill gaps**  
We fill needs that other organizations do not or cannot meet. We look for gaps in state or private agency services and create programs to address those needs.
- 🏠 **Enriches the lives of children in foster care**  
We provide programs, such as Little Wishes and Birthday Buddies, to make a child's time in foster care the best it can be.

## 2010 highlights

- 🏠 **Topped 11,000** in the number of children and families served
- 🏠 **Launched 24-Hour Crisis Intervention** services for St. Louis County adoptive & pre-adoptive families thanks to the Children's Service Fund
- 🏠 **Featured in the *New York Times*** for Extreme Recruitment<sup>®</sup> program
- 🏠 **Received FOCUS St. Louis' "What's Right With the Region"** Award for Extreme Recruitment<sup>®</sup> program
- 🏠 **Awarded a perfect four stars** by CharityNavigator.org, a website that measures the accountability and efficiency of nonprofit organizations

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Before 12-year-old Dierra was fortunate enough to have her case referred to Extreme Recruitment, her future looked dismal. She had come into foster care at age 7 due to extreme abuse and neglect – trauma that resulted in loneliness, depression, and negative behavior. By age 12, she had already said goodbye to her mother and siblings – as well as five different foster families. She was failing school, and her future looked bleak.

Within weeks, Dierra's Extreme Recruiter found 76 lost relatives and introduced her to some of them. Most of her relatives either did not know Dierra's situation or they did not know how to contact her. Extreme Recruitment worked one-on-one with identified relatives and helped them understand the patience and commitment it would take to raise Dierra. Just one month after moving in with cousins, Dierra made a huge turnaround; her grades not only improved, but she was also completing more challenging academic work. In her words, "Now that I'm with my family I feel normal – I'm not some foster kid anymore, I'm their kid!" Dierra is still healing from past abuse but she now has a permanent family to help her.



# Programs & Finances



## Our programs

Our recruitment efforts include: KSDK-TV's "A Place to Call Home," "A Child in Need," and Extreme Recruitment®. We provide a wide array of support programs for foster and adoptive families including: training, support groups, advocacy, educational supports, crisis intervention services, a resale shop, Birthday Buddies, and Little Wishes.

## 2010 program outcomes

- 🏠 **88% of youth** participating in Extreme Recruitment® in 2010 were reconnected with safe, appropriate family members and **63%** were matched with permanent families
- 🏠 **226 families** were served through the Case-Based Advocacy program
- 🏠 **164 families** were referred for foster care or adoption licensure (130 in MO and 34 in IL)
- 🏠 **539 volunteers** donated time to the Coalition and **64** volunteers were referred to member agencies (37% of volunteers had volunteered with the Coalition before)
- 🏠 **81% of inquiring families** said they were calling as a result of a Coalition-related outreach effort
- 🏠 **492 individuals** received training at the Training Extravaganzas, for a total of **3,690 training hours**
- 🏠 **More than 120** children were helped through Educational Advocacy Programs
- 🏠 **36 families** received Crisis Intervention services
- 🏠 **99% of individuals** participating in the Coalition's retention programs kept their homes open to foster children

## Finances

Statement of Activities, for 2009 and 2010. For the complete audit and 990, visit [www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords](http://www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords).

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Public Support and Revenue</u>		
Grants	\$744,620	\$608,737
United Way allocation	186,195	161,195
Contributions	796,450	468,479
Special events, net of direct expenses of \$13,598	115,645	96,693
Return on investments	11,986	14,697
Other income	10,828	11,099
Merchandise sales	3,343	3,519
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b><u>1,869,067</u></b>	<b><u>1,364,419</u></b>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program Services		
Recruitment	570,492	524,770
Retention	715,535	547,173
Advocacy	--	4,952
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>1,286,027</b>	<b>1,076,895</b>
Supporting services		
Management and general	51,403	40,015
Fundraising	217,770	156,423
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>269,173</b>	<b>196,438</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,555,200</u></b>	<b><u>1,273,333</u></b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>313,867</b>	<b>91,086</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, Beginning of year</b>	<b><u>935,986</u></b>	<b><u>844,900</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS, End of year</b>	<b><u>\$1,249,853</u></b>	<b><u>\$935,986</u></b>

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