

FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION

For Every Child...
A Place to Call Home

2011 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.



Joey's Story

The first time Joey came into foster care he was just 4 years old. He was in and out of foster care several times, and at 14 Joey explained to our staff, "I just want somebody who will keep me forever."

"Now I know that someone cares."

With that, we hit the ground running. On the first day, we built his family tree from 4 to 13 relatives, then quickly to 64. The big break came on the sixth day when we found Joey's aunt, a licensed foster parent. When she realized her nephew was in foster care, she exclaimed, "I want him to come to me right now!" Now, Joey is a completely different child; he has hope.



Programs & Finances

Our recruitment efforts include: KSDK-TV's "A Place to Call Home," "Wendy's Wonderful Kids," "A Child in Need," 30 Days to Family™, and Extreme Recruitment®. We provide a wide array of support programs for foster and adoptive families including: 24/7 crisis intervention, training, support groups, advocacy, educational supports, two resale shops, Birthday Buddies, and Little Wishes.

In 2011...

We served a total of 11,407 children and families, of whom

- **90% of children** served through Adoption Preservation/Crisis Intervention services remained with their adoptive family
- **71% of children** served through 30 Days to Family™ program were placed with relatives/kin at case closure
- Adoption recruitment programs identified forever families for **67% of youth**
- **4,019 training hours** were provided to foster/adopt parents
- **81% of youth** achieved their educational goal
- **147 families** were referred for foster care or adoption licensure
- **761 Coalition volunteers** and **312 [RE]FRESH volunteers** donated time to the Coalition
- **98% of parents** utilizing Coalition services maintained their status as foster/adoptive parents



Finances

Statement of Activities, for 2010 and 2011. For past audits and 990s, visit www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Public Support and Revenue		
Grants	\$1,081,792	\$744,620
United Way allocation	211,195	186,195
Contributions	604,852	796,450
Special events, net of direct expenses of \$79,881 and \$20,531, respectively	173,930	115,645
Return on investments	3,144	11,986
Other income	29,368	10,828
Merchandise sales (includes retail store revenue, net of operating expenses)	55,511	3,343
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>2,126,886</u>	<u>1,869,067</u>
Expenses		
Program Services		
Recruitment	597,469	570,492
Retention	856,786	715,535
Advocacy	--	--
Total Program Services	1,454,255	1,286,027
Supporting services		
Management and general	71,026	51,403
Fundraising	184,411	217,770
Total Supporting Services	255,437	269,173
Total Expenses	<u>1,709,692</u>	<u>1,555,200</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSESTS	417,194	313,867
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	<u>1,249,853</u>	<u>935,986</u>
NET ASSETS, End of year	<u>\$1,667,047</u>	<u>\$1,249,853</u>

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