



FOSTER & ADOPTIVE
CARE COALITION

FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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2012 AT A GLANCE

What we do

We believe that "Every Child Deserves a Place to Call Home," and fulfill this mission by:

- 🏠 Finding foster and 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:

Finds forever families

Using aggressive, multifaceted recruitment, we find forever families for waiting 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.



Angel's Story

Angel's father was incarcerated, and after charges of abuse and neglect were brought against her mother, 12-year-old Angel found herself in the foster care system. She cried herself to sleep every night, longing to be with someone she knew and loved.

Luckily, our 30 Days to Family™ team received Angel's referral. Within hours, our 30 Days to Family™ Specialist found Angel's Aunt Diana, but her apartment had only one bedroom. However, Diana put Angel first, giving up her own bedroom and sleeping on the couch so that Angel could have a bed of her own. "I would do whatever it takes," Aunt Diana said.

Things went well for a while, but Diana's work schedule changed, requiring her to work some evenings. Determined to keep Angel and Diana together, our 30 Days to Family™ Specialist began searching for other relatives who could help. After knocking on doors and making dozens of calls, she found a cousin and the paternal grandmother who agreed to watch Angel when Aunt Diana was working. Thanks to the 30 Days to Family™ team, Angel is cared for by family members she knows and loves.

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Programs & Finances

Our recruitment efforts include: KSDK-TV's "A Place to Call Home," "A Child in Need," 30 Days to Family™, Wendy's Wonderful Kids, 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 2012 we achieved the following for our children and families (more outcomes available at www.foster-adopt.org)

- **4,203 hours of training** provided to foster and adoptive parents
- **397 Coalition volunteers** and **393 [RE]FRESH volunteers** donated time to the Coalition
- **99% of foster parents** utilizing Coalition services maintained their status as foster/adoptive parents and continued to provide homes for children.
- **92% of youth** receiving Educational Advocacy services met their educational goals
- **89.4% of children** served through our Adoption Preservation/Crisis Intervention services remained with their adoptive family
- **70.6% of youth** served through 30 Days to Family™ program were placed with relatives/kin at case closure
- **69% of youth** participating in Extreme Recruitment® were matched with a permanent family
- **186 families** were served through the Case-Based Advocacy program
- **145 families** were referred for foster care or adoption licensure

Finances

Statement of Activities, for 2012 and 2011 follow. For past audits and 990s, visit www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords.

Public Support and Revenue	2012	2011
Grants	\$1,231,540	\$1,061,005
United Way allocation	211,195	211,195
Contributions	1,028,545	625,639
Special events, net of direct expenses of \$95,997 and \$79,881, respectively	125,633	173,930
Return on investments	1,567	3,144
Other income	58,669	29,368
Merchandise sales (includes retail store revenue, net of operating expenses)	(108,919)*	22,605
Total Public Support and Revenue	2,548,230	2,126,886
Expenses		
Program Services		
Recruitment	809,741	597,469
Retention	988,055	856,786
Advocacy	--	--
Total Program Services	1,797,796	1,454,255
Supporting services		
Management and general	85,527	71,026
Fundraising	253,916	184,411
Total Supporting Services	339,443	255,437
Total Expenses	2,137,239	1,709,692
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	410,991	417,194
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	1,667,047	1,249,853
NET ASSETS, End of year	\$2,078,038	\$1,667,047

* Donations and cost of sales are non-cash transactions due to all items in the store being donated. The actual cash received was \$70,000 for the year with \$118,000 in actual expenses, which is on track with our 5 year plan.



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