

Foster Care and Adoption

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Question!

- What is the difference between foster care and adoption?
- Bonus question: what is kinship?



Foster and Adoption Supports

- Works to recruit and retain foster and adoptive families
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX0YhHmLVZw&feature=youtu.be>)
- Works with licensing agencies to navigate potential barriers for families within DCS or court systems
- Operates the DCS Warmline to answer various questions for foster and kinship families
- Assists DCS specialists in navigating communication with foster families or licensing agencies if the need arises
- Host AZ Families Thrive trainings for Kinship/Foster/Adoptive parents as well as professionals
- Children's Heart Gallery photoshoots!
- Develops all recruitment campaigns
- Provides guidance on Child Specific Recruitment involved cases
- Works with Match Meeting Specialists on Permanency/Adoptions cases
- Central Registry background checks



Services for Kinship Caregivers

- Kinship Stipend
- DCS Warmline: 1-877-KIDSNEEDU
- DCS Kinship Liaison
- Community Resources



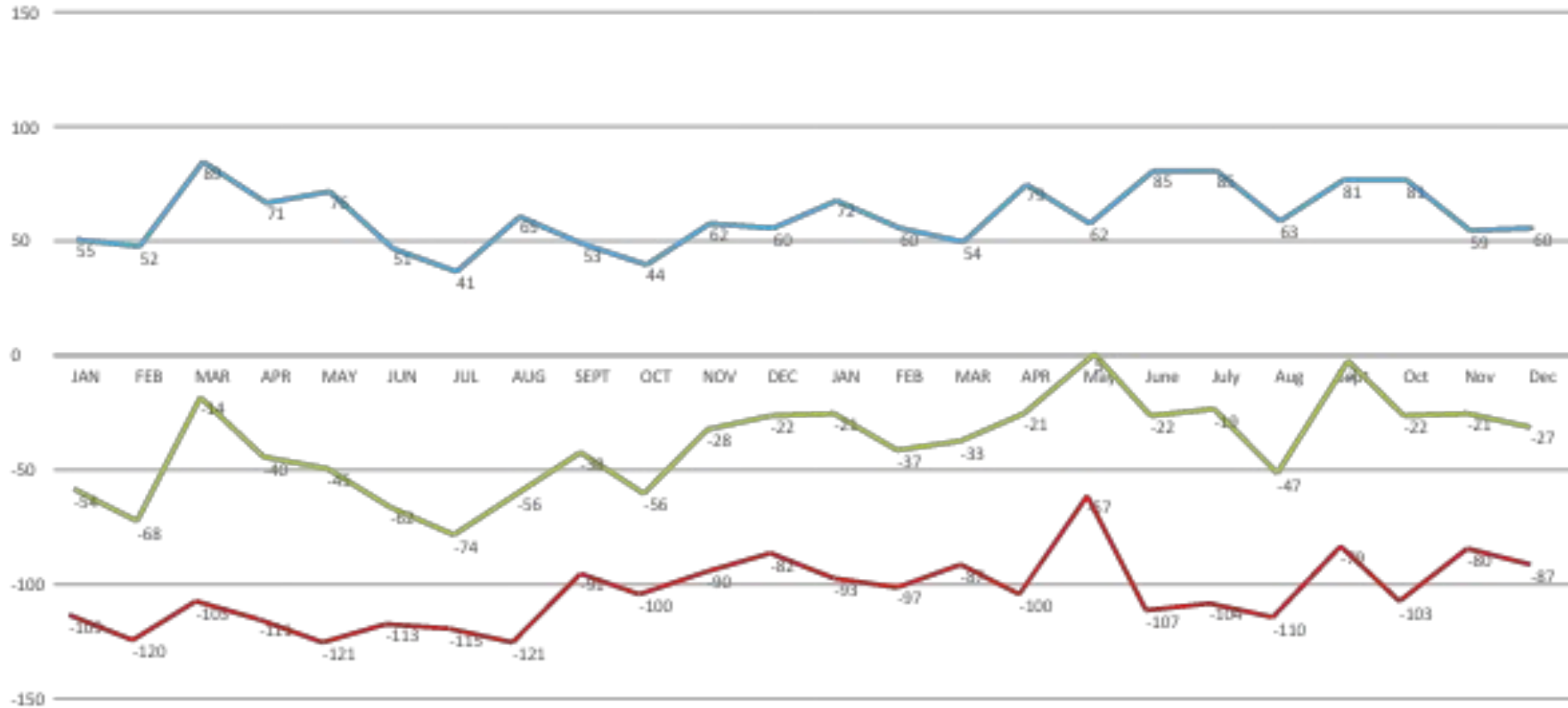
Foster Care Licensing

- 26 FAS (Foster & Adoption Supports) agencies contracted with the Department of Child Safety.
- <https://dcs.az.gov/foster-and-adoption/foster-care/steps-becoming-foster-parent>
- How do families choose an agency to work with?



Net Changes – Foster Homes

Net Changes to Number of Family Foster Homes



Getting Licensed/Certified

- What is the process to get licensed?
- What is the process to get certified?
- How long does it take?
- Can someone be licensed and certified?
- What is the role of the licensing agency/worker?
- Do kinship caregivers have to be licensed?



Seneca Search

- What is a Seneca Search?
- Who can request the search?
- What is the process?
- What is the result?
- Why is this important?



Shared Parenting

- What is shared parenting?
- Why is shared parenting important?
- How can I support the child during this process?



Match Meeting

- Match Meetings are requested by the DCS Specialist to find certified families who are good fits for the child.
- A Match Meeting Specialist is assigned to check home studies on the Central Adoption Registry.
- Match Meeting Paper Staffing/Disclosure Meeting
- Next steps



Child Specific Recruitment (CSR)

- 3 contracted agencies: AASK, AZCA, CFC
- What qualifies a child to receive CSR services?
- Thinking outside of the box for recruiting
- Role of social media in CSR
 - <https://www.childrensheartgallery.org/>
 - https://www.adoptuskids.org/_app/child/searchpResults.aspx
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGkOouX99G8>
 - https://www.azfamily.com/news/slideshows/photos-children-available-for-adoption-in-arizona-right-now-jan/collection_b36ca8ca-2e57-11ea-b759-e35eb37638e7.html



The Importance of Transition Planning

- What do you think is important to consider regarding transition once an adoptive home has been found?
 - Length of time?
 - Meetings?
 - Movement of belongings?
 - Transition of services?



Dispelling Rumors

- How much does it cost to adopt?
- How is DCS able to post photos of children online?
- Do I have to foster before I can adopt?
- What other rumors have you heard about the adoption process/the licensing process?



Recruitment for Older Youth

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August 22 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

Showing a child respect helps them learn how to respect themselves and others. You can foster this kind of respect when you foster an Arizona youth. change2lives.com



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Damion dreams of being adopted and shares that he does not want to "age out" of foster care without a forever family! Damion is an easy going kid who is talkative and friendly. Damion loves anything spicy-hot wings, Dynamite Doritos, Takis, you name it! He also likes Italian food, especially pepperoni pizza and spaghetti. <http://bit.ly/CHGDamion>



 Children's HEART GALLERY DAMION

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Faith's video: <https://dcs.az.gov/change2lives>



Recruitment for Siblings

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May 20 · 🌐

Together is the best place to be. Foster togetherness, when you foster siblings in Arizona. Learn more: <https://dcs.az.gov/change2lives/>



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As a foster parent to a foster child in Arizona, you'll have to be willing to put in the work it takes to show these kids they matter. When you make that choice, you take the first step towards fostering unconditional love for these children. change2lives.com




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Alice and David are two close siblings who enjoy spending time with one another. While they have their typical sibling feuds they will both end up playing together. Alice is a hard worker who loves to feel a sense of accomplishment. David loves dancing and playing on jungle gyms! Please help us find them a forever family: <http://bit.ly/CHGAliceDavid>



Children's
HEART GALLERY **ALICE + DAVID**

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Foster Culture



In an effort to increase outreach to Native American homes and ICWA compliant homes, the Department worked with Tribal Liaisons to create this social media advertisement. It was posted on April 20th, 2019, and in the month following, there was a 300% increase in inquiries by self-identified Native American families looking to begin the licensure process to become foster homes.



Cambie Dos Vidas

Fomente un futuro mejor para la juventud de Arizona.

Quando usted decide convertirse en madre o padre en adopción temporal, el impacto que puede tener en los jóvenes necesitados de Arizona va mucho más allá de simplemente invitarlos a su hogar. Los padres de familia en adopción temporal tienen la oportunidad de inculcar valores de por vida, y de ayudar a preparar a los niños y niñas en adopción temporal para un futuro brillante. Con la ayuda de padres de familia y niños y niñas en adopción temporal previos y actuales, el Departamento de Child Safety ha recopilado testimonios que sirven como mensajes para futuros padres de familia en adopción temporal. Estas historias permiten a los futuros padres de familia en adopción temporal escuchar acerca de lo que se necesita para hacerse cargo de un niño o una niña en adopción temporal, qué esperar, y cómo ayudan los padres de familia en adopción temporal a fomentar un futuro para los jóvenes de Arizona.

The Department additionally hopes to reach more Spanish speaking families and has translated all recruitment tools including advertisements and websites into Spanish. Dedicated bilingual team members are available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm to answer calls and emails from families who are interested in becoming licensed foster families.



Why We Do What We Do!



Questions/Comments?

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