



## ZERO KIDS WAITING PROGRAM

The Zero Kids Waiting program is the gateway to information about adoption and foster care in Minnesota. Our goal is to provide awareness, information and referral to connect Minnesota's waiting children to foster and adoptive families.

### Information & Referral

- The MN ADOPT website ([www.mnadopt.org](http://www.mnadopt.org)) provides information and resources for prospective and current foster and adoptive families, as well as members of the broader adoption community.
- MN ADOPT information and referral line responds to child-specific inquiries and provides information and referral on a wide range of adoption and foster care related topics, such as adoption process, kinship adoption, and post-adoption searches.

### State Adoption Exchange

- The foundation of the State Adoption Exchange is the "Meet the Kids" section of our web site, which features Minnesota children in need of adoptive families: <https://www.mnadopt.org/waiting-kids/>.
- In addition to biographical information, many child features on the State Adoption Exchange are accompanied by a photo or video.

### Public Awareness

- A monthly Waiting Child feature through the Star Tribune.
- Kid Connection – A bi-weekly feature on KSTP's Twin Cities Live.
- Public events throughout the year that bring attention to the need for families for Minnesota Children, such as the Timberwolves Shopping Event, MN ADOPT night with the Lynx and MN ADOPT's Circus of the Heart.
- MN ADOPT participates in and hosts community events such as resource fairs, conferences, and festivals/celebrations to educate the public about adopting from foster care.

### Community Partnerships

- As a non-placing agency, MN ADOPT is in a unique position to bring community organizations together to enhance collaboration in achieving our mutual goals of finding families for children and supporting all adoptive families. We have strong partnerships with counties, private agencies, tribal agencies, and other community support organizations.

**Want to learn more? Visit us online at [www.mnadopt.org](http://www.mnadopt.org) or contact us at 612-861-7115 or [info@mnadopt.org](mailto:info@mnadopt.org)**

