



Who is MN ADOPT?

We have new faces! We will be introducing you to new staff in the coming months.

	<h3>Meet Hayley</h3>
	<p>Adoption Information Specialist</p>

What is your role and how long have you been at MN ADOPT?

I started at MN ADOPT as the Adoption Information Specialist in November of 2020.

What do you like to do for fun when you are not working?

Cooking, yoga, and playing with my pup have become my life outside of work. Honorable mention to watching Netflix/TikTok.

What is your favorite season and why?

Fall – I like when it’s cool enough to wear sweatshirts, have bonfires and drink hot apple cider.

Program Highlight



The Education Program continues to offer all AdoptEd and FosterEd workshops via webinar. We're excited so many have expressed how wonderful this option is for them, even without a pandemic.

Many of our attendees enjoy the live webinars from the comfort of their home, and they don't have to find a sitter! In addition, parents are enjoying access to our [webinar library](#) as most live webinars are also recorded. You'll see a new look and easier way to locate the topic you're interested in.

Oh and great news! All of our April workshops are offered for FREE! We look forward to having you tune in.

Find your next
webinar

MN ADOPT: Library Series



**LEARN MORE
ABOUT
FOSTER CARE**

Free Virtual Event

The foster care system provides refuge for more than 10,000 children at any given time in Minnesota. Over 700 of whom are waiting to be adopted.

Common myths can make the prospect of fostering/adopting more intimidating than it should be.

Learn more about foster care and adoption, learn how to become an advocate!
A panel of social workers, adoptive parents and adoptees will share their experiences and information about foster care and adoption in Minnesota.

Join in on March 10 @ 6:30 PM

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Resource Corner

Adoption Tax Credit



Have questions about how to claim the adoption tax credit?

NACAC's adoption tax credit expert, Josh Kroll, presents a webinar on the federal adoption tax credit outlining the steps to file.

Adoption Tax Credit Webinar

Did you know that subsidized adoptions from foster care can claim the adoption tax credit even without expenses?

Did you know domestic private adoptions can claim expenses the year after they are paid even if the adoption isn't finalized or an expectant mother has been identified?

Did you know you can file for the adoption tax credit without hiring a tax preparer, or your current tax preparer can file this for you?

Josh Kroll has been helping adoptive families with the credit since 2004.

Community Connections

The Reel Hope Project makes videos of kids in Minnesota who are waiting to be adopted. They partner with counties, adoption agencies, and faith

communities to film these two-minute profile videos and share them across the state.

Their goal: A forever family for every child. Since 2016, The Reel Hope Project has made reels featuring 211 children, 106 of whom have been matched with an adoptive family.



CALLING FOREVER FAMILIES! Have you adopted (or are you in the process of adopting) a Reel Hope kid? The Reel Hope Project would love to hear from you! They are seeking forever families to film "follow-up" reels to inspire more families to adopt from foster care. Scheduling and video shoot location are flexible.

You can view examples of family follow-up reels at: <https://www.thereelhopeproject.org/success-stories/>

To learn more or connect with The Reel Hope team about your experience, contact Kaycee at kaycee@thereelhopeproject.org.



Telling your story is a powerful way to help others understand the importance of adopting from foster care and the needs of adoptive families. We are very much interested in hearing from those who have the following experiences:

- Families who have adopted from foster care.
- Individuals adopted from foster care.
- Individuals who have experienced foster care without being adopted.
- Individuals or families who have benefited from the MN ADOPT HELP Program.
- Individuals or families who have benefited from educational opportunities offered by MN ADOPT.

We'd love to hear from you!

Tell us your
story

On Race, Racism and Racial Justice

Discussion and experiences regarding race and racism will vary by family, and for some it can be a difficult and sensitive topic to discuss. Below are some resources to help you have meaningful and developmentally appropriate conversations with your children.

Below are virtual resources to continue conversation and expand your knowledge for adoptive, kinship and foster families.

- [Webinar & 6-week Support Group: Supporting Transracial Adoptees](#)
- [Identity Matters: Becoming a Multi-Racial Family](#)
- [Conversations on Race, Adoption & LGBTQ Parenting](#)

For more resources, visit our website: <https://www.mnadopt.org/resources/on-race-racism/>



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