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February 2020 eNews:

From our Executive Director



Dear Friends of CAP,

In 2018, 63,000 children were adopted across the United States.

However, the number of children in our country's foster system is at an all-time high. As poverty and the opiate crisis continue and escalate, the **population of children moving into foster care is rising**. While states are working diligently to achieve permanency for youth, and the [Family First](#) law has gone into effect in NYS, the need for foster care continues to increase.

CAP is **taking a strong stand in moving forward to support youth in foster care and in the foster system** through providing them with services and supporting those leaving foster care without a planned resource.

We are working diligently with our local communities to **positively impact permanency and diminish the effects of trauma** on our foster youth. We hope you join us in this effort. Thank you for your support and interest!

All my best,
Lauri McKnight

[Meet Jandel, Looking for His Forever Family](#)

Sixteen-year-old Jandel is an active, creative, fun-loving young man with a plan for his life -- to join the military when he turns 18. He is currently in high school ROTC. He has plenty of other interests as well, including singing, basketball, and trampolining.

But more importantly, right now **he wants to be adopted**. He would love to stay close to Daytona, FL if possible and to stay in contact with his birth sister, but is willing to consider moving. He is open to any kind of family, so long as it's a forever family. [Read more here...](#)



Are you the one? Call us at (585) 232-5110 or email info@capbook.org

MAPP Training Classes Continue



Our series of MAPP training classes continues every Thursday throughout February.

This is a 10-week training for prospective foster and adoptive parents. MAPP meets Thursdays at our CAP office (274 N. Goodman Street, Suite D-103). You may join the class any week and make up missed classes at the end.

Please email veronica@capbook.org or call (585) 232-5110 to register.

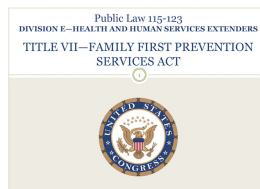
2018-2019 Annual Report



CAP's 2018-2019 Annual Report

If you haven't yet read our 2018-19 Annual Report, [click here](#) to see our accomplishments, collaborations, and more!

Foster & Adoption in the News



In January, New York became the 10th state that allows adopted adults unrestricted access to their original birth certificate without a court order.

The new law is a shift from state restrictions dating back to the 1930s that required adoptees in New York to seek a order to access their original birth certificate. See [AP story here](#).

The implementation of the [Family First Prevention Services Act](#) includes long-overdue historic reforms to help keep children safely with their families and avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care. Family First also seeks to curtail the use of congregate or group care for children and instead places a new emphasis on family foster homes.



Council of Foster & Adoptive Families Support Group

Our next Council of Foster & Adoptive Families Support Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 11 at 6 pm**. All Support Group meetings are free.

The topic will be trauma with guest speaker **Stacie Daily**, LMSW/Certified Clinical Trauma Professional and CAP staff member.



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

February

11 & 25, Adoption & Foster Informational Meeting, 6 pm
6, 13, 20, 27, MAPP Training Classes, 6-9 pm

March

11, Council of Foster & Adoptive Families Support Group

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