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JULY eNews: Summer Heats Up at CAP



Dear Friends of CAP,

Summer is upon us, but **uncertainty persists** despite a steadily decreasing number of COVID cases in NYS. Placements, visits, and adoptions are still on pause, adding to the anxiety of our youth already living with daily uncertainty. However, we continue to advance our mission, with staff striving to assist our children to find permanency through adoption, and to connect our older youth with a family.

To that end, CAP is in process with a bit of restructuring—including some staff modifications, development of new programming, and reconfiguring office space. Much of our work continues online for the summer, but in September you can expect more in-person work to begin.

In addition, CAP will be restarting **Project SSAFE**, designed to connect youth aging out of foster care with a resource family. Finally, with potential new legislation to keep our older youth in care longer, we hope to see a decrease in homelessness and fewer young people falling through societal cracks. (See **full article below** in this eNews edition.)

Thank you for your continued support,
Lauri McKnight, CAP executive director

[New MAPP Training Series Begins July 16 - Register Now!](#)

CAP's newest
MAPP Training sessions
begin online through Zoom!
July 16, 6-9 pm

Our 10-week training for prospective foster and adoptive parents (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) starts July 16 on zoom, 6-9 pm!

Over 10 sessions, you'll assess your parenting skills – your strengths and your needs, your desire and ability to work as partners, and your ability to meet the needs of children for

safety, permanency and well-being.

Email veronica@capbook.org to register.

Meet David, Looking for a Family

David is a bright and active older teen who is thoughtful, kind, talkative, humorous, and creative. An adult in his life says, "David will aspire to whatever it is you present him the opportunity to aspire to. He is always the first one on the field to play games. He's the one who wants to hike; he wants to climb. He is an opt-in kind of human being"



David is looking for a mom and a dad, or a mom and a mom. He likes active families with other kids. He plays many different sports, but also enjoys puzzles, video games, drawing, reading, cooking, pottery, art, and music.

Could David be the one you're looking for? Contact us at (585) 232-5110 or email info@capbook.org.

Our New Blog "In Their Own Words" Has Launched!



Read [Leo Ramos' personal story](#) and his reasons for choosing CAP to receive a donation on behalf of his employer, Concentrix.

His personal message? "You are loved. Never forget that. A family is not always those that share your blood. Sometimes a family is comprised of your friends, other kids, or caring adults. There will be those in your life that will move mountains to show you kindness and caring. It's up to every one of us to pay that forward."

Social Justice Photographer Michele Ashlee



We recently had the opportunity to work with gifted photographer [Michele Ashlee](#), and can't wait to share the results with you!

Michele Ashlee wants to change the way we see and understand those dealing with mental illness, addiction & homelessness. Self-described "activist with a camera," she uses her camera to document social issues with the hope of bringing

social acceptance to people often ignored and judged by society. Watch her fascinating interview on [WXXI's "Need to Know."](#)

Legislation News

**NY Legislators Last Hope for Young
Adults in Foster Care**



"After earlier pleas to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) went unanswered, **advocates for young adults in foster care are urging support for legislation** that would extend housing and financial support **beyond the current age limit of 21** during the coronavirus pandemic..."



CAP urges this crucial legislation to pass! [Read more from the Chronicle of Social Change...](#)

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