

A Family for ME QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April '25 - June '25

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Spring into action, foster today!

Gratitude for Maine's Resource Families: The Heart of Hope and Home

This month, we extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible resource families across Maine who open their hearts and homes to children in need through fostering and adoption. Your compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment transforms lives every day.

Each child you welcome becomes part of a story of hope - a story shaped by patience, love, and the belief that every child deserves a safe and nurturing environment to grow. Whether you've fostered for a weekend or welcomed a child permanently into your family, your impact is immeasurable.

Thank you for being pillars of strength and stability. Maine is stronger because of you.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A Family for ME

Curious about foster care?

Join us on **zoom** the 2nd Monday of every month at noon or 6 pm to learn more!



These sessions aren't part of the licensing process.

They are casual, informational discussions. You can ask questions, or just sit in and listen!

May 12th
June 9th
July 14th



Register HERE

Or on the events page at afamilyformemaine.org

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The Maine Heart Gallery is a display of some of the children in foster care who are waiting for their forever families. Could it be you? Visit the Maine Heart Gallery at: afamilyformemaine.org/heart-gallery



**Maine's children need forever homes!
The Adoption Matching Program is here to help.**

There are approximately 100 children in Maine waiting for their "forever home." The Adoption Matching Program (AMP) staff members are trained to identify the best match between available children and families who desire to adopt.

They do this by an intake process which involves meetings with matching coordinators, interviews, and questionnaires. They concurrently do that on the children's side of things as well.

Some families enrolled in AMP expressed that one of the biggest reasons for placement disruption is the overestimation of their preparedness to parent a child who has lived with change and loss.

Taking short-term placements or providing respite allows families to acquire some first-hand experience.

AMP encourages all families to consider providing foster care or respite first. This allows families to experience what it may be like to have a child living in their home who has experienced trauma.



OCFS seeks to engage individuals or couples who are interested in providing care for young people in need of short term, intensive, family-based support. Applicants who would qualify to provide this service would have experience with trauma-informed parenting practices.



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**Upcoming Events:
Attend an event in your community!**

April 27 - Autism Walk, Bangor

May 3 - Camp to Belong 5k, Augusta

May 3 - Build & Bloom in Nature, Wiscasset

May 4 - Autism Walk, Westbrook

May 17 - Family Fun Day, Ft Knox Prospect

May 20 - UNUM Mental Health Fair, Portland

May 31 - Family Fun Day, Ft Williams Cape Elizabeth

June 7 - Brewer Riverwalk Festival

Pride Events Statewide

June 7 - Hallowell

June 8 - Ellsworth

June 21 - Portland

June 28 - Bangor & Aroostook