WHO We Are

We seek to find a permanent home for every child in the foster care system:

• We are a not-for-profit organization that works on behalf of the children in the foster care system
• We partner with federal, state and local governments – working together on behalf of the children, creating unique and innovative public/private partnerships
• We have offices in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Missouri; we support additional work on behalf of children in Wyoming, Oklahoma and South Dakota; and we work with all states on systems change and diligent recruitment strategies

WHAT We Do

We recruit, develop and support the families who embrace these children. We provide:

• Active family recruitment through traditional marketing strategies (web, television, social media, email, etc.)
• Intensive, child-focused data mining and family development/matching for the longest waiting children
• Training, development and support to families through the process of adoption from foster care, which can be daunting and which has high family drop-out rates
• Post-adoption follow-up, training and connections to services that help to keep these families intact
• Technical assistance to enhance capacity and promote systemic changes in state and tribal child welfare programs

WHY It Matters

The financial impact to society if a child “ages-out” of foster care without a family is enormous. One study showed by the time youth who age-out reach age 24:

• 40% had experienced homelessness
• 60% of young men had been convicted of a crime, and only 48% were employed
• 75% of women and 33% of men received government benefits to meet basic needs
• 50% were involved in substance use
• 17% of the females were pregnant

Resulting in $300,000 in societal costs per child!