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Meet the Board!

Check back each month to learn more about us and our organization!

Meet Sharon

MN ADOPT's new Board Chair



How long have you been on the MN ADOPT Board?

About 2 years

Why do you support our work or tell us why you value our work?

There are millions of orphans worldwide and hundreds of children in Minnesota without permanent homes. This is a human crisis, and we desperately need more foster and adoptive families to care for these children. My husband and I adopted our

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son from Thailand, and we have seen how a child can thrive with the right inputs.

What do you like to do for fun?

Playing board games, hosting dinner parties (pre-pandemic), spending time with my husband and son, and watching sit-coms

What is your favorite season and why?

Autumn. I love the crisp air, the sunshine, the vibrant leaves, apple picking, and all things pumpkin-spice.

Education Program New Podcast Series



MN ADOPT's Education Program is excited to announce our "Foster Care 101" Podcast Series.

This is a 13 part podcast series that includes topics beneficial to anyone exploring or providing foster care. These podcasts are specifically designed for potential foster and kinship providers, or foster parents currently providing care.

This series is also beneficial for the professionals that serve the foster care community. We've coordinated with experts in the field to bring you so much great information!

Specifically, this podcast series will navigate the need for foster care in MN, the options for licensing, and

Give to the Max Day is coming up on November 18. Help us max out our goal to support the adoptive, foster care and kinship communities in Minnesota.

When you donate to MN ADOPT, you're joining us in our efforts to ensure that every Minnesota child has a loving, safe, and nurturing family.

Your donation will support our important work of finding homes for Minnesota children and supporting all Minnesota adoptive, foster care, and kinship families through ongoing education and support.

Help us reach our goal of Zero Kids Waiting. We are

cover the most commonly asked questions from foster parents. In addition, we'll dive into some of the unique issues families face when parenting kids who have experienced trauma.

grateful for your consideration!

Give Today

If you are a licensed foster parent, please reach out to your licensing worker to ensure you're receiving monthly emails about our upcoming live FosterEd webinars created specifically for you and your licensing requirements.

Tune in



Limited
time offer

MN ADOPT All Families T-Shirt & Tote
NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH OCTOBER



November is National Adoption Month and we are celebrating it by offering our All Families T-Shirts (and now tote bags). You can order yours TODAY!

We are accepting orders through October 31, 2021. **All t-shirts & totes will be shipped by mid-November.** These will make great gifts for the holidays!

The t-shirts are unisex sizing. They are soft, comfortable, and of premium quality. Our staff raves about these shirts and feels proud wearing them. You'll never want to take it off!

The tote bag is 14.5" W x 15.5" D and folds flat. Carry all the things in your new bag!

Order yours before October 31!

SHOP NOW

Resource Corner

October is LGBTQIA+ History Month

<https://www.outhistory.org/> (most comprehensive search features, very much like an encyclopedia)

<https://www.glsen.org/lgbtq-history> (variety of resources- history cards, podcasts, coloring book, student resources, educator resources)

<https://www.history.com/tag/lgbt-history> (stories from LGBTQ history)

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/the-queer-history-book-list/> (list of queer history books for all age ranges)

October 11 is National Coming Out Day

Resources for caregivers to be a support to their child

[How to Support LGBTQ Children](#)

[What to do when your child comes out](#)

[Supporting and Caring for Transgender Children](#)

LGBTQIA+ Resources on MN ADOPT Website

MN ADOPT'S LGBTQ resource page - <https://www.mnadopt.org/resources/lgbtq/>

CORE Teen Right Time Video - https://www.mnadopt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Module-6-CORE_SOGIE_20190405-720x480-1.mp4

Community Connections

**Minnesota Indian
Women's Resource
Center**



The ICWA Kinship Program provides individualized support to Indian Child Welfare Act adoptive, foster and kinship families. We also provide support to families that are taking care of relatives through “informal” care, which usually consists of private arrangements between parents and relatives.

Permanency Support: The ICWA Kinship Worker visits with each family for barrier identification, compliance assistance, cultural support, and more. The program offers ongoing support through case management, advocacy, connections with service providers and the community. Families are able to connect with MIWRC’s wrap-around in-house services.

Bi-weekly, the ICWA Kinship program offers a caregiver’s group that brings together individuals and families caring for children through kinship, foster care, or informal care. This group offers families a place to embrace the traditions of preserving family and cultural ties and supporting caregivers.

Family Activities and Events: The ICWA Kinship program provides four annual family activities such as round dances, powwows, talking circles, trips to the sugar bush, and other outdoor cultural activities. The ICWA Kinship program in collaboration with other community programs hosts two annual events. These events provide families with education and training from professionals on ICWA related issues which assists families in gaining more knowledge about the Indian Child Welfare Act.

[Learn more](#)



Celebrate and explore adoption!
Please join us at the 24th annual
Circus of the Heart
VIRTUAL Nov. 1-7, 2021 *VIRTUAL*
Online events Monday through Sunday

REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

From November 1-7, 2021 you can find activities & programming virtually (more information to come). Registered participants will receive a Circus Box filled with activities, information, prizes & giveaways!

Join us as we celebrate Minnesota's Adoption Awareness Month, honor families who have grown through adoption and kinship care, and provide information about adopting children and youth under state guardianship.

REGISTER NOW

On Race, Racism and Racial Justice

Talking to your child/youth about Racism

- [Raising Race Conscious Children](#) – Blog, interactive webinars and other resources for talking about race with young children.
- [They're Not Too Young To Talk About Race \(The Children's Community School\)](#) – Infographic highlighting how young children notice and think about race at various ages.
- [Teaching Tolerance](#) – Teaching Tolerance was created to help educators teach their students, but parents can also use this resource to teach valuable lessons in their home. "Cultivate positive identity formation, encourage students to confront racial and ethnic injustice, and prepare them to live and work together in a diverse world. Our resources can help you facilitate discussions about race and guide students through lessons on white privilege, economic inequality, mass incarceration, the complexities of identity and more."
- [The Hate U Give](#) - This is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

More resources: <https://www.mnadopt.org/resources/on-race-racism/>



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