November is Adoption Awareness Month
Focusing on Adoption from Foster Care

By the Numbers:

**118,000** Children in foster care are waiting to be adopted nationally*

**7,500** Children in Tennessee foster care†

**350** Children in TN available for adoption who don’t have an identified adoptive home †

**21** Number of months most children spend in foster care*

**8** Average age of a child in foster care*

**1,000** Number of children who age out of foster care in TN annually without finding their forever family †

**Considering Adopting?**

ﬂ DCS explains the process on their website

ﬂ See galleries of children currently up for adoption here, here and here

**Adoptive Family looking for support?**

fl Support meetings are offered across TN

fl Adoption Support and Family Preservation works with families in crisis

**Professional looking for resources/training?**

fl National directory of foster care and adoption support agencies

fl TN is part of the pilot for the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative, enroll here

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*https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/spread-the-word/
†https://www.adoptuskids.org/adoption-and-foster-care/how-to-adopt-and-foster/state-information/tennessee

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