



IMPACT REPORT

2024



FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIVE ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW



Mission

To improve the lives of children by empowering foster and adoptive children through support, connection, and advocacy.

Vision

To encourage the recruitment, retention, training, and professional treatment of foster and adoptive families in Oklahoma. To help foster and adoptive parents and other concerned citizens work to improve services for foster and adoptive children in Oklahoma.

To assist, support, and promote cooperation among foster care and adoptive professionals, biological families, child welfare staff, service providers, and volunteers, in Oklahoma. To promote a clear, balanced, and accurate understanding of the foster care and adoption systems in Oklahoma.

DREAM BIG



Dream BIG is a scholarship and wish program dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of foster children. Similar to Make-A-Wish, it empowers foster children to envision a brighter future by offering personalized experiences, such as music lessons, bedroom makeovers, private tours, sporting events, and other meaningful gifts that celebrate their individuality and aspirations. With just one round underway in 2024, we aim to expand the program and offer even more foster children the chance to see their dreams come true in 2025.

100%

51 Submitted Dreams Fulfilled



42%

Rural Dreams



58%

Metro Dreams



FOSTER PARENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



The Mentorship Program pairs experienced foster parents (“mentors”) with newly approved foster parents (“mentees”) for a year-long term. Mentors provide guidance, support, and resources, starting before or shortly after the mentee’s first foster child placement.

By leveraging our mentors’ lived experiences and building a strong support foundation, the program fosters lasting connections, ensures long-term success for both families and children in Oklahoma’s foster care system, and helps retain foster families, ensuring more children have stable, nurturing homes.

“Stacey is amazing. I couldn’t have gone through this last year without her knowledge and experience. She always made herself available and was great at de-escalating situations. Love Stacey. I owe Stacey a lot.”

Total Families Served

202



Rural Mentees Served

129



Retention Rate

93%



ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

Empowering foster and adoptive parents with hope, knowledge, and connection.

The Annual Training event brings foster and adoptive parents from across the state together to access essential resources, specialized training, and opportunities to connect with peers and child welfare professionals. This year's focus on hope showcased its power to transform perspectives, even in tough times, through experienced speakers, practical tools, and a resource fair featuring partner nonprofits. This training event offers families a chance to connect, share experiences, and find renewed encouragement in their parenting journey.



175



Current and former foster parents in attendance

20



nonprofit partners engaged

9



Experienced speakers engaging with attendees through hands-on training and equipping sessions

FAMILY ENRICHMENT & COMMUNITY EVENTS



FCAO's Family Enrichment and Community Support Events include Kids' and Parents' Night Out events, an online support group, and monthly giveaways, providing families with valuable opportunities for connection. While children participate in structured activities, parents engage in meaningful conversations, gaining support, advice, and resources. Our online support group, with over 10,000 members, creates a safe, accessible space for ongoing support, training, and connection across the state.

109

Participants at Devon Ice Rink

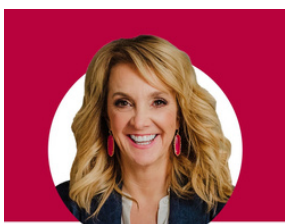


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Participants at Star Skate



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