



This week in *Fostering a Connection*, we're underscoring the importance of permanency for kids in foster care.

Stability is key to healthy childhood development, which is why FosterAdopt Connect works to ensure that children are united with loving biological, relative/kinship, foster, and adoptive parents.



Moving Forward with Permanency

Helping kids find their forever families is a top priority for us at FosterAdopt Connect. Children often linger in foster care for months or even years, which is why we operate two successful programs geared toward placing children in safe, loving homes: 30 Days to Family and Extreme Family Finding.

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Employee Spotlight Dejaneara Carter

Dejaneara Carter, 30 Days to Family Specialist/Extreme Family Finder, spends each day working toward reunifying kids with their biological families. In her 30 Days to Family cases, she networks with family members to find those interested in placement, arranges medical appointments, therapy, and training, and helps families reach their reunification goals. Though reunification doesn't always occur, Dejaneara strives to secure permanency for the kids she serves, whether through relative placements, foster families, or adoptive homes.

Having earned her Bachelor's in Social Work, volunteered with

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), and worked at Flint Hills Foster Teen Camps, Dejaneara is no stranger to the ups and downs of the child welfare system.

“You have to ride the highs and remember why you do the job,” she says. “The kids are the best part of what I do. I love being part of those reconnections and sibling visits and getting to witness a foster kid’s joy even though they’re in the worst situation that a kid could be in.”

Dejaneara is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, and has lived in Kansas for eight years. When she’s not working, she enjoys spending time with her partner and supporting local restaurants.

Coming soon!



Poplar Bluff hosts its first annual Tall & Small Ball

February 12, 2022, 5-8pm

Westwood Center Wedding Chapel

On February 12, foster kids and their families will get dressed up for dancing and desserts at our family-friendly Valentine’s Day gala, the Tall and Small Ball!

Other activities include:

- Kid-friendly tattoos from a real tattoo artist
- Photos with your favorite childhood characters
- Hair touch-ups from a professional stylist
- Treats such as cotton candy, sno-cones, and hot chocolate



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