

#ThanksFosterFamilies

In May, we celebrate National Foster Care Month, a time to recognize the many people who support the well-being of children and families in foster care.

On May 31, we invite you to join the CHAMPS campaign in honoring foster families on National Foster Family Appreciation Day. This important day provides an opportunity to give special thanks to the many amazing foster families around the country who help children in foster care heal and thrive. In addition to caring for children, these parents play important roles as coaches and mentors to birth families. They also support the child's transition to a permanent family, which may be through reunification, adoption or guardianship.

CHAMPS, which stands for Children Need Amazing Parents, is a national campaign to support and strengthen quality foster parenting through policy change at the national, state and local levels.

Throughout the month of May, CHAMPS will be publicly highlighting and thanking foster parents through social media, op-eds and blogs.

We invite you to join us in saying #ThanksFosterFamilies

Visit our online social media toolkit for sample social media messages:
<https://social.fosteringchamps.org>

Visit our new online bank of foster family stories which showcases amazing families across the country. These stories are also shareable through social media.
<https://families.fosteringchamps.org>

Visit the foster family appreciation section of the CHAMPS website for more information and tools for policymakers and communities:
<http://fosteringchamps.org/campaign/foster-parent-appreciation/>

Invite foster families, birth families, workers, teachers, nurses, and others to share a few words about foster families they know. Here is an easy-to-use Google form they can use to share stories. The form includes background and explanation about the family story project. <https://tinyurl.com/y57nsx99>

Get started with these sample tweets:

All kids do best in families. Let's celebrate all amazing families taking care of children: birth, foster, kin, adoptive! #ThanksFosterFamilies

We salute public officials, community orgs & businesses that support foster parents. By helping foster parents, we help kids succeed. #ThanksFosterFamilies

