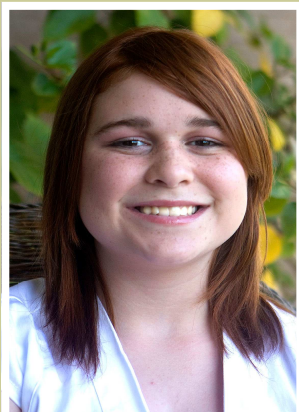


Foster Care adoption services need dedicated forever families who will support our children with love and understanding through adoption. All of our children have been abused, neglected or abandoned. The age range of the children available for

adoption varies, however, YFA primarily serves children eight years old and older. Many of them have mental health and behavior issues, and some are not on grade level. All children deserve a family that will love them, encouragement them to excel in school and help them plan for their future no matter there age or ethnicity. Consider opening your heart and home to our children that would greatly benefit from your love and support.

"All children deserve a family that will love them unconditionally for the rest of their lives."

If you are interested in learning more about the adoption services of Youth and Family Alternatives, please attend one of our free monthly orientations at a YFA office near you.



Marion County
 1017 NE 14th Street
 Ocala, FL 34470
 (352) 547.3750

Lake and Sumter County
 880 Duncan Dr.
 Tavares, FL
 (352) 253.5625

Citrus and Hernando County
 19245 Cortez Blvd.
 Brooksville, FL
 (352) 277.5860

Administrative offices
 7524 Plathe Road
 New Port Richey, FL 34653
 (727) 835.4166





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To learn more information about foster care adoption or if you would like a presentation to be given at a certain location, please contact:

Kristin Folts, Adoptions Recruiter

at 352.547.3750 or email at kristin.folts@kidscentralinc.org

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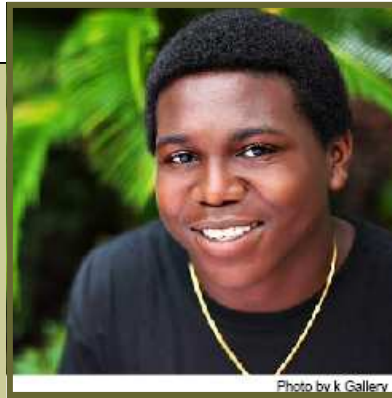
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Consider it!

Every child deserves a loving and permanent home.

Ten Reasons To Adopt a Teenager!

1. No formula, diapers, bottles, or burp rages required.
2. We sleep through the night...even if our parents won't.
3. We will be ready to move out sooner...
4. We can program your cell phones, and DVD players.
5. We will keep you up to date on fashions and trends.
6. Once we get our permits, we can drive you to places.
7. You don't just get a child, you get a friend.
8. We can pick up after ourselves and do our own laundry.
9. We will teach you how to be more patient, understanding, kind, and empathetic.
10. We all need someone to share our life, dreams, achievements, and holidays with.



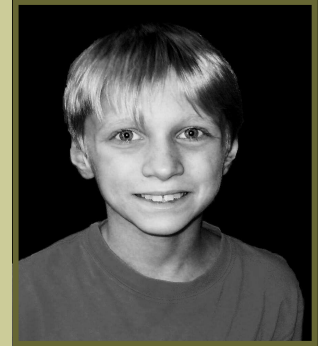
According to the

Dave Thomas Foundation:

- ◆ 1 out of 5 children in foster care will age out of the system with no permanent home.
- ◆ 40 percent of Americans have thought about adoptions- That equals 81.5 million people. If, one in every five hundred of those people adopted, every child in need of a forever family would have permanency.
- ◆ In any given year, there are approximately 150 thousand children available for adoption- most of those children are teens.
- ◆ 23 percent of adopted children are with parents age 55 and over.

Steps to a forever family:

1. Attend an open house near you.
2. Attend and complete the Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting classes. (MAPP)
3. Complete all required documents needed to write the home study including: 5 references, medical history, financial history, MAPP and family profiles.
4. Submit to State and Federal fingerprinting.
5. Wait patiently while your home study is being completed.
6. Once your home study is approved, begin



- looking for your forever child(ren).
7. Be available for match staffings and/or matching events in your area.