



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Every Child, Every Family,
Every Step of the Way



FamilyWorks
Together

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER

LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & CEO



Dear Friends,

Looking back on 2019 and the families Adoptions Together helped to build & support, I am so proud of the work we were able to do and know there is so much more to be done. There are currently over 120,000 children waiting to be adopted living in state foster care across the United States. Each year, I look back and think about how hard it must be for them and what we as a community can do to be there for those we serve. We welcome and serve expectant parents facing unintended pregnancies and provide adoption services when chosen in order to provide stability for children and their families. Every child and every family deserves the resources they need to connect and heal—each person served creates a ripple effect, shaping the world into a better place for all. This year, we were thrilled to be recognized with an Innovator Seal of Inclusion by the Human Rights Campaign for our collaboration with the All Children All Families project. We firmly believe that every person deserves a family no matter their race, gender, or sexuality, and it is an honor to be recognized for our commitment to this mission.

With the incredible three decade milestone coming up, Adoptions Together continues to be a cornerstone in the child welfare system and at the forefront of innovation. From crucial pre- and post-adoption counseling which applies groundbreaking neuroscience to working with healthcare systems to ensure that medical professionals have the knowledge they need to best serve populations impacted by trauma, 2019 brought us opportunities to expand on the ways we impact our community.

Our mission relies on the continual support of our amazing family of supporters—we truly could not do it without you. Together we will continue to strengthen the fabric of society, through 2020 and beyond.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice".

Janice Goldwater, LCSW-C
Founder & CEO



ADOPTIONS TOGETHER & FAMILYWORKS TOGETHER

MISSION:

Adoptions Together builds healthy lifelong family connections for every child and advocates for continuous improvement of systems that promote the well being of children.

VISION:

Every child will have lifelong connections to a caring, nurturing family.

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER PLACEMENT PROGRAMS:

- home study
- domestic infant placement
- foster care adoption

FAMILYWORKS TOGETHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

- counseling
- training
- education
- family finding programs

If you're moved by this mission, please contact Margo Devine, Development Director, at [**mdevine@adoptionsstogether.org**](mailto:mdevine@adoptionsstogether.org).

DOMESTIC INFANT PROGRAM

371

expectant parents received all options counseling (*web inquiries, on-demand chat services, phone, email, Parent Finder, social media, community-based referrals*)

35

birth parents used 413 days of interim care while exploring an adoption plan

28

infants were placed with adoptive parents



FOSTER CARE ADOPTION

Families hoping to adopt a child from foster care must attend a 27-hour Foster Care Adoption Training. In this training, families prepare to parent children with emotional challenges through a specialized program focused on developing awareness in the prospective parent while teaching effective parenting strategies.

35

families attended the 27-hour training for foster care adoption

14

older children between ages 4-15 were placed for adoption in 2019



HEART GALLERY

The Heart Gallery welcomes all children within our region who need the support to find their forever families. To take a look at the digital gallery, [click here](#).

45

area youth who are waiting for a family
are featured on the Heart Gallery



MARYLAND
24 kids



VIRGINIA
13 kids



DC
8 kids



Nevaeh | Age 17



Isaac | Age 15



Meghan | Age 14

HOME STUDIES

NECESSITY & STANDARDS:

Adoptions Together provided culturally-competent, individualized home studies to families in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Our Home Study team ensured that families were ready to bring home a child through diligent processes, interviews, and inspections that meet state requirements. This important service is offered to all families within these three locations, even if a family is not adopting through our agency.

212

home study reports completed

372

post-placement reports completed



COUNSELING

908

trauma-informed, adoption-competent
counseling sessions held

29

parent coaching sessions held

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SUPPORT GROUP SESSIONS

23 grief & loss: foster parents support group

12 FASD parent support group

11 preteen girls support group

8 transracial adoption group

7 pre-permanency support group



FAMILY FINDING PROGRAMS

60

children in foster care found
permanent family connections

21 lifelong connection

12 adoption

10 guardianship

10 kinship

7 reunification



TRAINING

At Adoptions Together and FamilyWorks Together our trainings focus on relationship-building within families, connecting with children with difficult histories, and using neuroscience to create safety and connection.

Our trainings focus on the unique issues of adoption/permanency, attachment, and trauma for families and professionals.

1,494

families attended webinars,
conferences, and in-person trainings

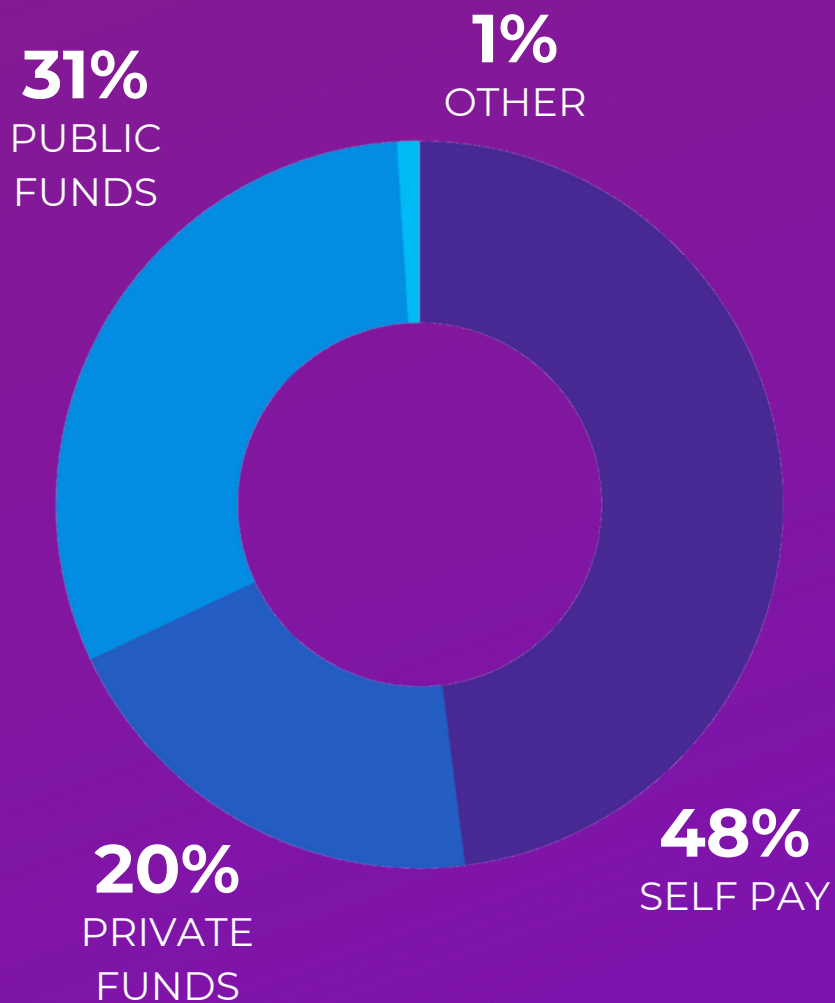
1,974

professionals taught at 55 trainings
and 3 national conferences

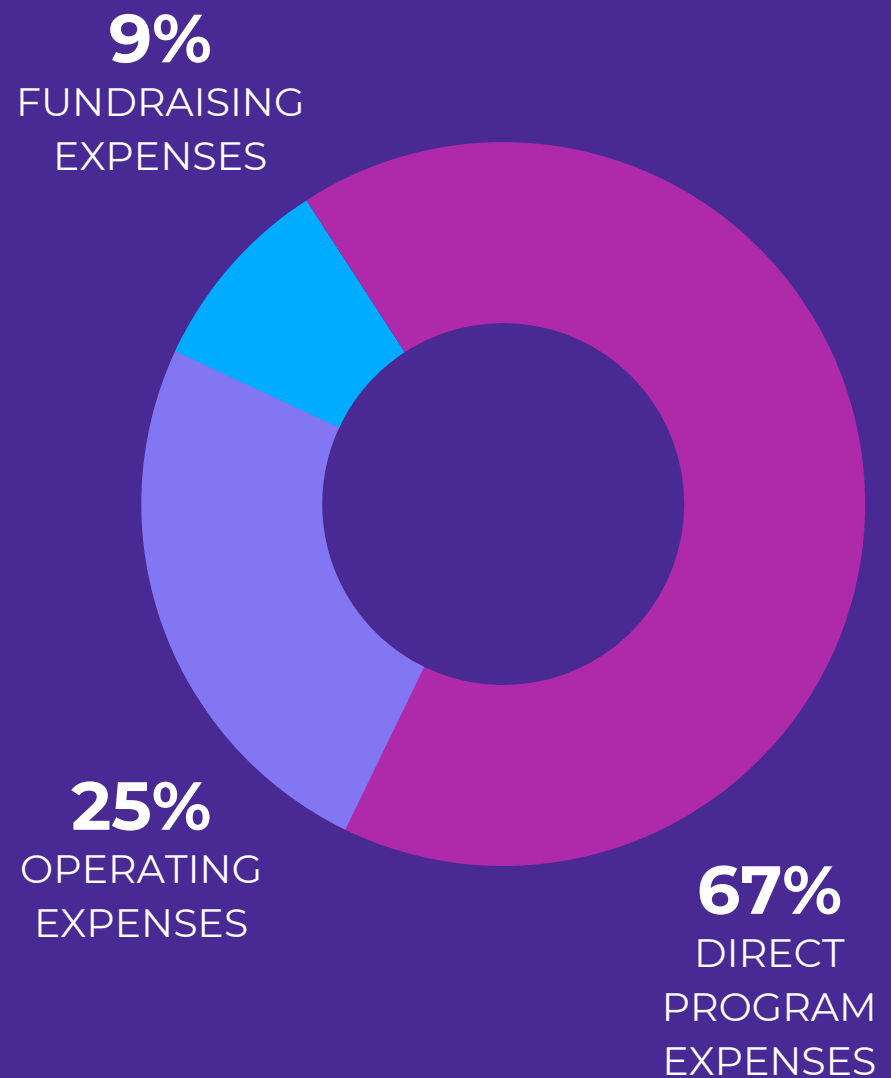


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Arlen
Arnaiz
Arzuaga
Askenas
Ayers
Bachman
Bagley

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Balsamo and Kennedy
Bamberger
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Barnes
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Bast
Beavers
Being
Bellman and Cameron
Benesch and Goldberg
Benvenga
Bergman
Berman
Bersch
Bieling
Birdsall and Randall
Blackwell
Blauer
Blitz
Blumsohn and Rosen
Bodner and Greenfield
Bond
Bonner
Boone
Boorshtein
Boris
Bostic
Bouloubassis
Bovee
Bowes
Bowler
Boyers Kwatnoski
Bradner
Brennan
Bridgeman
Briggs and Brooks
Briton
Brocht
Brodsky
Brody

Brown	Desfosse	Goldberg and Schmidt	Gordon	Johnson
Brown Simmons	Detwiler	Goldberg	Gould	Johnston
Burgess	Devine	Goldsmith	Grandjean	Jolley
Burley	Di Martino	Goldwater	Grassel	Jordan
Burriesci	Dignam	Gordon	Green and Kofsky	Kaplan and Sandler
Burton	Dixon	Gould	Green	Katz and Lenkin
Cadena-Clark	Doerfer	Grandjean	Greenberg	Kellner
Camillo	Doheny	Grassel	Greenblatt	Kendall
Campbell	Dolce	Green and Kofsky	Greenspan	Kennedy
Caplan	Doty and Howser	Green	Grubb	Kenney
Carroll	Drutch	Greenberg	Grundy	Kerxton
Casper	Dugan	Greenblatt	Guite	Ketchum
Cecil	Duignan	Greenspan	Halliday	Kielty
Cetoute	Durkin and Randolph	Grubb	Haman and Kugler	Kilduff
Chappell	Dyson	Grundy	Hammond	Kingham
Chen	Eads	Guite	Hankins	Klashi
Cherry	Edwards	Halliday	Hansel and Lierman	Klein
Chicca	Einstein	Haman and Kugler	Hanson and Konigsberg	Kleinman
Choi	Eliopoulos	Hammond	Harburg	Klekner and Segretto
Ciampa	Elliott	Hankins	Harding	Kline
Clark	Engle	Hansel and Lierman	Harman	Knox
Clement	Escobero and Marcos	Hanson and Konigsberg	Harris	Koehler
Clemmer	Estwick	Harburg	Harwood	Koritko and Gudnadottir
Coates	Evancik	Harding	Hauck	Kotler
Coger	Evans	Harman	Heininger	Krcma
Cohen and Lapidus	Fairfax	Harris	Helde and Abrams	Kurtz
Colen and Krueger	Farland	Harwood	Henger	Kushner
Collins	Felton	Hauck	Hermann	Lamper
Corcoran	Felzer and Siegel	Heininger	HersHKovitz	Lavery
Corrigan	Fernandez	Helde and Abrams	Heymann	Lavin
Costella	Ferreira	Henger	Hillman and Barber	Lawrence
Cotter	Fink	Hermann	Hoene	Layous
Cox and O'Sullivan Cox	Finn	HersHKovitz	Holland	Lazarow
Cox Myers	Fischer	Fontenot	Holloway	Lazarus and Sprei
Crawford	Fleming	Foulger	Hopper	Lee
Crocker	Flood	Fried	Horan	Legenhausen
Croker	Fobes	Friedman	Horner	Lehmann
Cummings	Fontenot	Friese	Houppert	Lerner
Cutler and Parsons	Foulger	Frutos	Howard Hicks	Lester
Dankoff	Fried	Fryar	Huffman	Letson
Dashiell	Friedman	Furst	Hung	Lewis
Cummings	Friese	Garwood	Hunt	Liberman
Cutler and Parsons	Frutos	Gastwirth	Huppmann and Bonangelino	Lindenberg and Segal
Dankoff	Fryar	Gattuso	Hurley	Lindenberg
Dashiell	Furst	George	Iannucci and Blotzer	Lindgren
Datoff	Garwood	Gerstmyer	Ingall	Lindsay
Dauphin and Franusic	Gastwirth	Getson and Rudner	Ives and Rublee	Linick
David	Gattuso	Gevirtz	Jacobs	Lipton
Davis	George	Gibbons and Healy	Jameson	Lober
Day	Gerstmyer	Gibbons	Janis	Longstreet
Deal	Getson and Rudner	Goldberg and Schmidt	Jarrin	Lopez
Deitch and Tosini	Gevirtz	Goldberg	Jeffreys	Lovelace
Delany-Shabazz	Gibbons and Healy	Goldsmith	Jennings	Lucien
DeMattia	Gibbons	Goldwater	Jim & Dottie Dickens	Lukaczer

Mace	Musgrave	Railey	Simon	Vaught
Machovec	Nagan	Rainville	Sims	Vielmo
Madocks	Narcavage	Rakas and Krahn	Sincock and Schollard	Virag
Malley	Nasserî	Reaves Bush	Skedsvold and Szymanski	Viscarra
Maly	Neas	Reinhold	Skurla, Jr.	Vogel
Margolis	Nell	Richardson	Slapnik and Stark-Slapnik	Walden
Markowitz	Nelson	Richmond	Slattery	Walker
Marks	Nesel	Richter	Small	Wall
Marrkand	Newman	Risner	Smith and Rosenblum	Waller
Martin and Cubbage	Nieman	Robinson	Smith	Walls
Martin	Nolan	Rocha	Snow and Labaree	Waltz and Dallaire
Masters	Norwood	Rodman	Snow	Warren
Matathias	ODaniel	Romadka and Fahl	Soaper	Watkins
Matthai	O'Donnell	Rosenbaum	Sober	Watson
Matthews	O'Flahavan	Rosing and Ashford	Sofka Stockman	Weinberg
Maurer	Oglevee	Roth	Souryal	Weinstein
McGill	Oklewicz	Rothman	Spingarn	Weiss
McGuire	Orloff	Routson	St. Amand	Weitzman
McKenna	Orman	Rubin	Staub	Welch
McMurray	Osher Blumberg	Ryan-Brye	Stavac	Wescott
McNamee	Pangaro	Sachs	Steinberg	Wetzler
McShea	Papadopoulos	Samuels	Steller	Weymer
McWhorter and Abadian	Parr	Sarikas	Stewart and Rogers	Wheatley
Meket	Parriott	Savercool	Stewart	White
Melloni and Bloom	Pate and Burden	Sayre	Stinson	Whitesel
Meloni	Patt-Corner	Schairer	Strickland and Costella	Whitmore
Menick	Payne	Schaub	Summerill and Bizzell	Wiley
Metzger	Pearce	Schechter	Summers	Wilks
Meyers	Pearlstein and Hines	Scherr	Swett	Williams and Matthews
Michaels	Pearson and Ialongo	Schick	Taff and Wilder	Williams
Miehl	Pepper	Schissler	Taplin	Wilson
Mierzewski	Perez Correa	Schmalz	Tatel	Wolf Small
Mikush	Perkins	Schneebaum	Taylor	Wright
Miles	Perry	Schneider	Teichberg	Yonemoto
Miller and McGreevy	Persons	Schuster	Tenant	Yost
Miller and Scarborough	Peters	Schveibinz	Teotia	Young and Bowerman
Miller	Peterson and Feffer	Schwartzbeck	Tessler	Zhuo
Moede	Peterson	Schweitzer	Thomas	Zoretic
Mollet and Schaller	Petty	Scott	Thompson	Zwerdling and Teitelbaum
Moltz	Pfaff	Scott Morrison and	Thorpe	
Montrose	Picerno	Addison Ballman	Tidman	
Moodee	Pierce	Seay	Tokar	
Mooney	Piggee	Segall and Gross	Tolliver	
Morado	Pingho	Segall	Tomick	
Moran	Pinover	Sennett	Towson	
Morello	Politis	Sepulveda	Tran	
Morenas	Poniatowski	Shine	Trott	
Morgart	Porter	Shiota	Ugarte and Baltran	
Moser and Berliner	Posner	Shirey	Ulloa	
Moshovitis	Price	Short	Ury	
Moy Akin	Procopis	Shu	Vacek and Engelhardt	
Muchane	Prugh	Siegel	Van Winkle	
Mullen	Quisenberry	Sikes	Vario	
Murphy	Radice and Haley	Silver	Vasilis Koudellou and Matus	

CONNECT WITH US

**If you're interested in
learning more about:**

- Domestic infant placement
- Foster care adoption
- Family finding programs
- Home studies
- Counseling
- Training
- Ongoing education
- How to support us

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