

How do I get involved?

For local support group information, contact your:

Adoptive Parent Liaison



Or Contact:

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The Foster/Adoptive Support and Training Center

- The F.A.S.T. Center is part of the University of Kentucky College of Social Work Training Resource Center.
- The F.A.S.T. Center is composed of three programs that work in collaboration to meet the needs of foster/adoptive families: the training program, the resource parent mentor program, and the adoption support program.
- The F.A.S.T. Center has a toll free line where parents can access information about specific disabilities, foster/adoption related issues, and resources around the state.
1-877-440-6376
- The F.A.S.T. Center offers a quarterly magazine that focuses on issues that are important to foster and adoptive families: legislation, special education, state assistance, trainings/conferences, and much more!

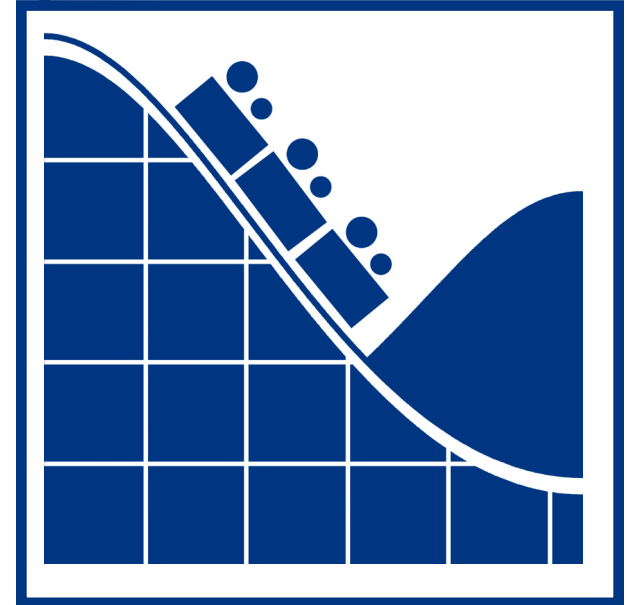


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Foster/Adoptive Support and Training Center

The Foster/Adoptive Support and Training Center (The F.A.S.T. Center) recognizes foster care and adoption as a unique commitment to the safety and well-being of children. Our vision is to empower foster and adoptive families to meet their ongoing developmental needs by providing a continuum of proactive advocacy, education, and support. The F.A.S.T. Center is comprised of three programs: the training program, the resource parent mentor program, and the adoption support program.

“Adoption brings special issues to a family, and adoptive parents often seek other people who understand their children, their families, and the unique challenges and rewards that adoption has brought to their lives. Parents know firsthand the problems that families and children face, the support needed, and the structures and relationships that can help.”

**-Judith Anderson,
NACAC**

What is A.S.K.?

Adoption Support for Kentucky is a consortium of parent-led adoptive parent support groups throughout the state.

Who can be a part of A.S.K.?

Any adoptive family may use the services of A.S.K. These support groups are for any parents that have families formed through adoption: state, private, relative, or international. You may have adopted your child as an infant, older child, or part of a sibling group. You may have adopted twenty years ago, had a child placed with you for adoption last week, or still be awaiting placement.

What can A.S.K. offer my family?

- Support groups for adoptive parents
- Mentoring with an experienced adoptive family
- Information on policies and procedures
- Educational/Training Programs
- Advocacy assistance
- Lending Library
- Statewide resource information
- Referrals to resources
- Information on medical/behavioral issues

“In all this world, Charlie Brown, there is nothing more frightening than the getting together of a group of parents.”

*Linus
by Charles M. Schulz*

The F.A.S.T. Center Sharing the experience!