

We're the Adoption Information Center of Illinois.



Kim Parker, AICI Recruitment Coordinator

What do we do?

For over 25 years, we've worked with caseworkers to connect DCFS children and youth with adoptive families through child-specific recruitment efforts.

How do we accomplish this?

We use the following recruitment techniques:

- Reviewing case files
- Interviewing children and youth to complete ecomaps, genograms and/or Lifebooks
- Conducting searches for birth family members or other significant people in a child's life
- Matching AICI's licensed families and families from partner sites with waiting children or youth
- Posting child listings, video interviews and slideshow presentations to the AICI website
- Coordinating print media features

Are we successful?

Yes. Consider the following:

AICI generates calls.

Last year, we received more than **570 calls from licensed adoptive families** inquiring about children registered with our service.

AICI gets children adopted.

We suggested over 100 matches between waiting children and licensed families last year. Of those, over **60 children were reported placed and approximately 30 adoptions and guardianships were finalized.**



Penelope Ford, AICI Permanency Specialist

How do you register a child with AICI?

Simply call 312-346-1516 and ask to speak to our Permanency Specialist. Or visit our website www.adoptinfo-il.org to download the registration forms. DCFS and POS workers can also email the forms directly to the Permanency Specialist through D-Net (Outlook).

You can register families, too.

We maintain a database of licensed families who want to adopt from foster care. Each week, we match these children with families and alert you, the caseworker, if we find a possible fit. You can register a family by calling 312-346-1516. A family can also contact us directly to register.

Additional Recruitment Options

Through the AICI, you can also access recruitment programs such as **The Heart Gallery of Illinois**, which features fine art photos of waiting children. The Gallery is displayed at museums, art galleries and other high-profile locations to help seek families for the children.

What do workers and families say about our services?

Caseworkers

"Working in tandem with the Adoption Information Center of Illinois to find an adoptive home for a child with autism was a success. AICI made the process of finding a home easy and was extremely helpful and supportive along the way."

*Bill Blundell, child welfare professional,
Illinois Mentor*

Families

"We thank God for AICI and its wonderful staff. Without them, we'd never have found the children who were always meant to be ours."

*Mrs. Maria Thomas, who adopted four
waiting teens with the help of AICI*



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CASEWORKERS:

Do You Need
an Adoptive Family
for a DCFS ward?



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