

Children And Families

COMPLETE A LIFE. COMPLETE YOUR OWN. ADOPT A CHILD.

(NAPSA)—One of the most fulfilling things a person can do is to be a parent—especially to a child who needs a family.

Children in foster care need the love and guidance a family can give them but unfortunately, many never get to have that experience. Each year, more than 24,000 of these children age out of the system without ever having been placed with permanent, loving families.

According to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), more than 115,000 children in the foster care system are currently waiting to be adopted.

The majority of children in foster care (47%) are 9 and older and are children of color. 15 percent are Hispanic.

A new multimedia campaign wants to inform the Hispanic community about this issue and encourage the adoption of children in the U.S. foster care system, particularly children 9 and older who are currently waiting.

The campaign is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Advertising Council and the Collaboration to Adopt-U.S.Kids. The campaign emphasizes the message that families or



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individuals can achieve a sense of fulfillment through adoption from foster care.

Public service announcements created by the campaign highlight the emotional and psychological rewards of adoption through foster care by showcasing everyday yet special family moments.

Adoptive parents can also receive financial support in the form of subsidies and Medicaid.

The public service announcements direct prospective parents to visit www.adopte1.org or call 1-877-Adopte1 (1-877-236-7831) for more information.