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## **November is National Adoption Month**

National Adoption Month is held every November to celebrate families who have grown through adoption, and to bring awareness to the need for more adoptive families to care for the large number of children in the foster care system. According to the U.S. Children's Bureau, "Over 117,000 children and youth across the country are in foster care waiting for a forever family." Right now, there are around 500 children in Kansas whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and are currently seeking an adoptive family.

Children in foster care range in age from birth to 18. These children are placed into foster care for a variety of reasons typically related to abuse and neglect. Children in foster care who are awaiting adoption have experienced significant trauma in their short lives, including the trauma they experienced when they were separated from their biological families. These children need a family that will welcome them and provide a sense of belonging and safety.

If you are interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, visit [AdoptKSKids.org](http://AdoptKSKids.org) or call 1-855-236-7857.

For more information on this topic check out [childwelfare.gov/adoptionmonth](http://childwelfare.gov/adoptionmonth)

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