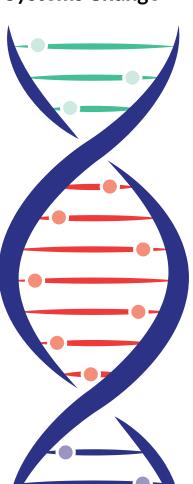
foster advocates

Foster Advocates is a non-profit organization that advocates for system-level change to Minnesota's child welfare system by collaborating with Fosters and impacted communities.

Our work is grounded in the idea that system-level changes should be led by those who are most impacted and who have the most lived expertise – Fosters. Ultimately, we envision a Minnesota where Fosters have the same access to opportunities and outcomes as their non-foster peers.

Our Approach

Child Welfare Systems Change





We advocate for legislative, policy, and practice reform at all levels to improve experiences for Minnesota Fosters.



Research

We center and elevate the lived experiences of Fosters as they identify gaps, barriers, and solutions for systems change.



Relationships

We collectively organize with Fosters as they direct the growth of our networks, programs, communication, and advocacy.

Who is a Foster?

Early leaders in Foster Advocate's network stated foster care creates a significant cultural identity, akin to other immutable characteristics, that is unrecognized once they are reunited with family, adopted, or age out. In response, Foster Advocates use the term Foster to name and claim this unique identity.







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