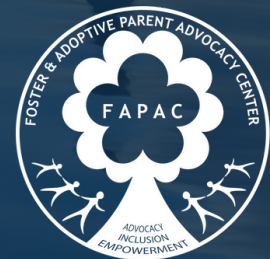


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Foster and Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center



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PROGRAMS

MISSION

Empower and advocate for families and youth involved in the child welfare system, to promote the long-term stability of families in the nation's capital.

PROGRAMS

The Foster and Adoptive Parent Advocacy Center (FAPAC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2000 to address the lack of inclusion of foster, kinship, and adoptive parent voices in DC's child welfare reform efforts. Since then, FAPAC has become a critical and respected stakeholder, expanding its services to support birth parents and foster youth preparing to age out of care. Our strategy is to develop responsive programs grounded in partnership, collaboration, and practical solutions, with a focus on improving the child welfare experience for children and families.

→ Foster, Adoptive, Kinship Parents

FAPAC centers its work on advocacy, support, and training. **Advocacy** begins with individual requests from parents and youth. Our staff responds quickly, works with agencies to resolve issues, and tracks cases to push for policy changes. We provide **support** through ongoing groups where parents share challenges, build networks, and feel understood. **Trainings** help parents stay licensed and strengthen skills. Topics are shaped by parent surveys and agency needs, with expert-led sessions and regular feedback for improvement.

→ Foster Care Prevention

The Families Growing Stronger Together (FGST) program helps prevent foster care involvement by strengthening parenting skills among families potentially at risk. The program aims to prevent child abuse and neglect, and improve the well-being of children.

→ Foster Youth Empowerment

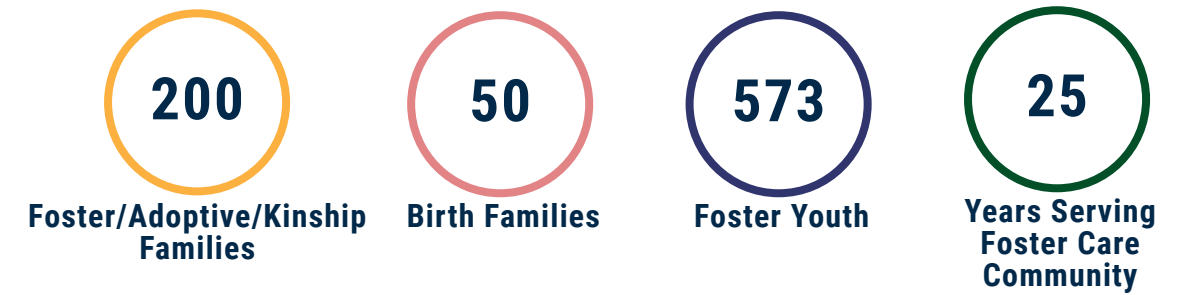
The Foster Youth Summit addresses the tough realities youth face after leaving care—high rates of unemployment, homelessness, and poverty. This day-long conference equips youth with tools for independence through mentoring and workshops on careers, health, relationships, and self-advocacy.

→ Constituent Research and Solution Development

FAPAC elevates the voices of resource parents, birth parents, and youth—a unique model nationally. We co-develop solutions with families and agencies to meet real needs, prevent duplication, and maximize resources. DC foster parents identified a strong need for peer connection and respite care. FAPAC responded by creating and launching the ParentConnect App, in partnership with CFSA which allows parents to connect.



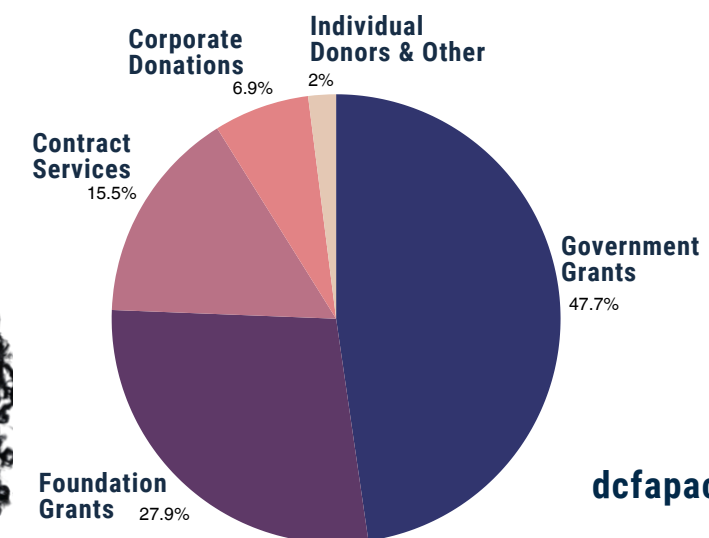
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"We have been foster and adoptive parents in D.C. for several years, and have always found the information and services offered by FAPAC to be helpful... Their staff helped us interface with CFSA and another DC agency to get things moving, and we were able to apply for additional resources. We are grateful for FAPAC's support." – DC Foster Parent

"Everything has helped me so much! I feel like I understand my children a lot better." – DC Birth Parent

"Since attending the summit, I became more proactive about my education and career goals. I also realized the importance of advocating for myself." – DC Foster Youth



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Financial audit available at dcfapac.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC 06
2025** Christmas for Kids in
Foster Care

[DCFAPAC.ORG/CHRISTMAS](https://dcfapac.org/christmas)

**APR 04
2026** Foster Youth &
Parent Summit

[DCFAPAC.ORG/FYPS](https://dcfapac.org/fyps)

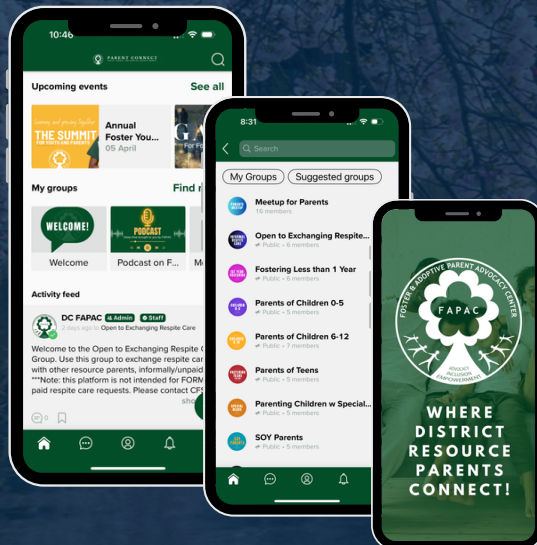
**MAY 08
2026** Gala for
Foster Care

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MONTHLY Peer Support
& Training

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- Direct communication with other resource parents
- Access to trusted resources
- Quick access to the CFSA STAAND Portal and your account
- Informal respite care connections

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