



EVERY CHILD INDIANA

Spokesperson messaging and FAQs

Talking points: What is Every Child Indiana?

- Every Child Indiana is a statewide collaborative effort of Indiana advocates, agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations mobilizing to recruit more licensed foster families and volunteers to lift and support Hoosier foster children and foster families.
- Every Child Indiana uses a combination of data-driven tools and technology, together with a statewide network of nonprofits, licensed child placement agencies, community volunteers, and the Indiana Department of Child Services to identify and encourage more families to become licensed foster care providers.
- Every Child Indiana also works to engage all Hoosiers in supporting foster children and families in their communities.
- [NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION] is pleased to be part of this statewide network and to [DESCRIBE WHAT YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES RELATED TO EVERY CHILD INDIANA].
- Foster care plays a vital role in providing a safe, stable, and loving environment for children who cannot safely remain in their home of origin. The need for foster homes changes continuously, and the mix of available foster homes must change as well to adapt to children's unique needs.
- Of Indiana's total number of licensed foster families, not all are currently able to accept new foster children and some foster families are only able to care for children in certain age groups.
- The goal of Every Child Indiana is to have more than enough homes for children and support for families impacted by foster care. More than enough means that every child's unique needs can be met if they enter foster care while keeping them in their school district, community, and with their siblings, whenever possible.
- Providing care and support for children in foster care is the responsibility of all Hoosiers. You don't have to be a foster parent to make a difference.
- Through Every Child Indiana, all Hoosiers can volunteer, donate supplies, or make a financial gift to support foster children and foster families.
- Visit everychildindiana.org for more information or to volunteer.



Who are the Every Child Indiana partner organizations?

Every Child Indiana currently includes statewide licensed child placement organizations, volunteer non-profits, the Indiana Department of Child Services, and child advocates focused on assisting foster children and foster families. They include:

- Adult & Child Health
- Bethany Christian Services
- Centerstone
- Childplace Family Services
- Choices Coordinated Care Solutions
- The Contingent
- The Cooper House
- Damar Services, Inc.
- Debra Corn Foster Care
- Dockside Services, LLC
- Family Ark
- Firefly Children & Family
- For The Children
- FosterHope of Meridian Health Services
- Hands of Hope
- The Hope House
- Indiana Department of Child Services
- Indiana Kids Belong
- Indiana MENTOR
- Indiana State Office of GAL/CASA
- Interact Family Services
- Isaiah 117 House
- The Isaiah 1:17 Project
- Josiah White's
- Lost Sparrows
- Mosaic ParentHub
- National Youth Advocate Program
- Nightlight Christian Adoptions
- Open Arms Christian Ministries
- Orphan Care Alliance
- SAFY of Indiana
- StepStone Family & Youth Services
- The Villages of Indiana

What is The Contingent and its role in Every Child Indiana?

- The Contingent is a national nonprofit based in Oregon, with an Indiana branch office that opened in May 2023. It is one of many partner organizations working together to recruit more Indiana foster families and volunteers to support Hoosier children in foster care.
- The Contingent has developed proprietary technology and digital marketing tools to identify and encourage potential foster parents and volunteers to support child welfare.
- Once those potential foster parents and volunteers have engaged with Every Child Indiana, it's the responsibility for organizations like ours to [DESCRIBE WHAT YOUR SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION DOES AS PART OF ECI.]

What is Every Child Indiana's coverage area?

ECI is a statewide initiative.



How does Every Child Indiana recruit foster families?

- Every Child Indiana has a robust marketing strategy that includes targeted digital advertising, storytelling, organic content and print materials all based on a gap analysis of needs of children in foster care in Indiana. This strategy is a statewide rallying cry and is also targeted by ZIP code and by the specific needs of children in foster care.
- Hoosiers can learn more about opportunities to support the child welfare system and foster parenting in one place: everychildindiana.org.
- Visitors to the website will either choose an organization to work with or get assistance from Every Child Indiana to select a volunteer organization or licensing organization in their community that best matches their interests or preferences.
- When a child needs care, licensed child placing agencies or the Indiana Department of Child Services contacts appropriate licensed foster parents to coordinate placement, with the goal of achieving an ideal placement based on the child's individual needs – the right kind of home, in the right location, at the right time, and with their siblings.

How can someone donate to ECI or get involved?

Please visit everychildindiana.org.