

Pathways to Permanency:
FOSTERING FAMILIES



"It's an honor to serve these families every day, these children, and provide them with forever homes... **It's an honor, it's a pleasure, it's a joy, to be able to be a part of their forever journey."**

—Bianca Phillips, Adoption Team Lead

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- [December Support Group Listings](#)
- Check with [your local CPS office](#) to see if they are throwing a holiday party!
- [Magnolia Health Lunch & Learn](#) worth 2 credit hours in Grenada Co. on December 15.
- Make sure you're following our [Foster Parent Recruitment and Support](#) Facebook page for any additional classes or conferences that are shared with us!

GOOD NEWS

- Last month, we held [Adoption Celebrations](#) across the state to celebrate forever families.
- 400 foster children got to shop for new shoes at the [Kicks for Kids](#) event.

**Faces of Foster Care:
Vershunda Jones**



Vershunda Jones is a remarkable single mother who has fostered over 10 children, adopting three into her family alongside her biological son. Her unwavering commitment to providing a loving and nurturing home for children in need is truly inspiring. She has created a stable and supportive environment where her children can thrive, instilling the values of kindness, perseverance, and unconditional love. Her impact goes beyond her family; she serves as an example and inspiration in her community, showing the power of dedication and compassion. Through her example, she demonstrates how one person can transform lives and make a profound difference. Vershunda's exceptional commitment to her children and her community makes her a deserving role model and an inspiration to all.

Vershunda is a [2025 Angel's in Adoption Honoree](#).

Tips & Tools



As the weather turns colder, make sure your kids are keeping nice and warm.

- [Playing Outside in the Winter](#)
- [Cold Weather Safety for Children](#)
- [Winter Car Seat Safety](#)

Community Corner

A big "thank you" to [Thompson Law Firm](#) for speaking to our team about the youth court process so our specialists are better prepared to serve Mississippi's children and families!



Faces of Foster Care Feature

Do you want to be featured in the newsletter or give someone else a shoutout? Send us a brief, encouraging statement about someone who has positively impacted your foster care journey or a memorable moment about your own experience with foster care.

[Faces of Foster Care Form](#)

Updates & Reminders

- Did you know our Heart Gallery recently relaunched? Make sure you're following on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!
- Are you involved in a church, group, or organization where we might be able to come speak about the need for foster parents? Check out our [Foster Parent Recruitment Map](#) for who to reach out to in your area.
- In case you missed it, there are some important changes to [foster parent licensing](#). For more info on foster care licensure, email fprecruitment@mdcps.ms.gov.
- Foster Parent [Bill of Rights](#)

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