

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](mailto:fprecruitment@mdcps.ms.gov).
- Foster Parent [Bill of Rights](#)

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