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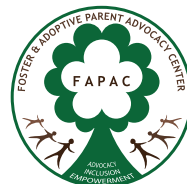
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Who We Are

A small but mighty organization, FAPAC was founded in 2000 to address the lack of inclusion of DC's foster, kinship, and adoptive parent's perspective at tables of child welfare reform. Sparked by our motto by B. Reese, "If you think you are too small to be effective you have never been in bed with a mosquito," FAPAC has flourished into a respected and effective organization committed to ensuring that abused and neglected children find stability and permanency with loving parents who are well prepared and supported to meet their special needs and to help them heal.

Through the years, our "little engine that could," has been extremely successful in positively impacting many significant improvements that have made life better for our children and families. Thanks to FAPAC's work in bridging families and child welfare professionals, family voices now give critical input into most policy and practice decisions impacting our homes.



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Healing Children By Empowering Families

With the assistance of our donors and partners, and through the efforts of our staff, board, and family volunteers, we have built a solid tree based on three intersecting roots—individual and group support, parent training, and systemic advocacy—reaching out to over 1,500 families each year.

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The Core of Our Work

The Continuum of Needs of the District's Children and Families

We focus our work in the following areas:

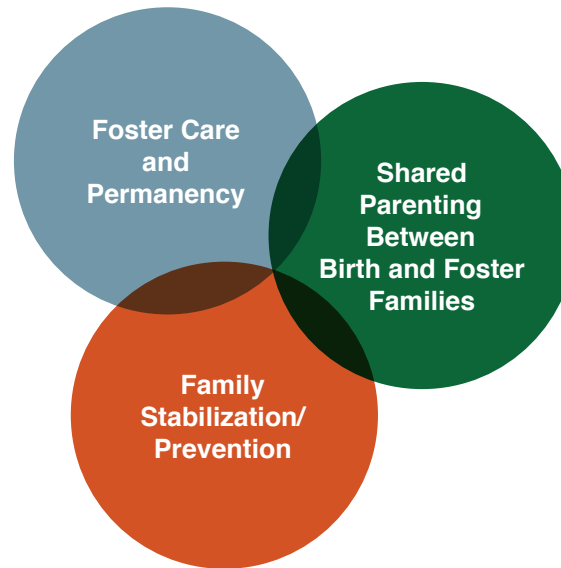
Systemic Advocacy

The very heart of all our work, our systemic advocacy has been profoundly impactful and has led to many critical advancements in policies, practices and protocols that significantly improve the lives of the District's children and families, including 24/7 on-call crisis intervention; improved procedures for health and behavioral health access for children in care; access to post-adoption services; and placement procedures that provide critical information and improve immediate support for families; and many other critical improvements.

"With all the joy there have been challenges. Without the advice, support and information received through FAPAC I would have prematurely given up believing I didn't have what it takes to be a foster parent."—T. J. foster and adoptive parent

Individual and Group Support

We provide individual and peer group support to meet the complex challenges of parenting children within a government system. Additionally, to respond to the shift in District--and national--practice as it moves to an increased effort to try to support families to prevent foster care placement and to more quickly reunify the families whose children are removed, FAPAC has responded by providing a prevention program



built on support and parent education. Two parents who have been deeply impacted by this group are Carla and Troy who found FAPAC after receiving a court mandate to attend parenting classes in order to reunify with their baby.

"This group was life changing. It changed my attitude about parenting and was the best thing I could have done with my time. I am going to keep coming even when it is over--what can we do to extend it? This can't end! It saved my life."—Carla, FGST participant

Training

FAPAC conducts training that provides essential information to prepare and support the District's foster, kinship, and adoptive parents to best meet the complex needs of the children in their homes.

"From the trainings to walking me through how to deal with a child in crisis, FAPAC has been there for me. They work tirelessly to improve upon a system that needs much work and adjustments. They celebrate with us, cry with us and roll up their sleeves for us whenever and wherever they can."—D.F, foster parent

How You Can Help Support Children In Care

FAPAC is at a critical intersection between needing to grow to meet the needs of our families and our increased scope of work yet needing to build the capacity to support that growth. Significantly, our individual assistance services and our systemic advocacy programs are both funded solely through general operating funds that come from donors like **YOU**. Additionally, some of our other services are funded by grants or contracts that don't cover all the expenses of the program and require additional donations in order to keep them at the high quality **FAPAC** is known for.

Your support will allow us to focus on facilitating strong and effective programs, and have increased resources to create a strong infrastructure and the flexibility to increase our capacity and ensure that we are meeting the needs of our families. As a small program, every donation counts, and you have our **COMMITMENT** that every dollar will be well spent to serve the District's children and families.