

NFPA

NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

IMPACT

STATEMENT

2021



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Impact Statement 2021

NFPA has impacted tens of thousands of Foster, Kinship and Adoptive Parents for over 50 years as a national voice through networking, education, and advocacy.

By the Numbers

Five (5) Education Scholarships in the total amount of \$2,500.00 were distributed in 2021 in the following categories: Foster Care-Youth; Kinship Care-youth; Adoptive-Foster Youth, Resource Family-Biological Youth; and Continuing Education.

37 Scholarships, in partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, were awarded to foster, kinship and adoptive parents to participate in the 2021 NFPA FORWARD Virtual Conference.

Total completions for 2021 FORWARD Virtual Conference were **2,134** video sessions completed as presented by over twenty nationally known presenters with expertise in child welfare including experts such as Bessel van der Kolk, MD; Chan Hellman, PhD; Christina Bethell, PhD; and Barb Clark.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, NFPA launched with the support of the Centene Corporation, the NFPA Training Institute, NFPATi. In 2021, continuation of this extraordinarily successful virtual training platform, which is always free of charge and always accessible, resulted in **11,730** training certificates awarded to foster, kinship and adoptive parents nationally. Combining the child welfare expertise of NFPA and Centene has allowed us to disseminate training to caregivers more broadly, which served to further support and empower them in providing the best possible care to our children and youth. Centene and the NFPA have committed to collaborate to create new curriculums and trainings that will give caregivers quick and easy access to education that addresses targeted issues they commonly encounter. <https://www.nfpati.org/>

The National Foster Parent Association has an advisory body of state affiliates (COSA) in most of the fifty states. NFPA's philosophy is that foster, adoptive and kinship care providers need support nearby, and that state policy affects the quality of care to a great degree. Affiliate development and support is thus a high priority in the strategic plan for the organization, and a great deal of effort is expended to help states forge alliances and develop strategies to improve outcomes for the over **400,000** children and youth in care. <https://nfpacosa.org/>

Eight (8) COSA affiliates partnered with Children Need Amazing Parents (CHAMPS) advocacy campaign via mini-grants facilitated by NFPA for state-level advocacy projects. <https://fosteringchamps.org/>

23 Coffee with Caregivers episodes, hosted by Executive Director Irene Clements and sponsored by United Healthcare, were presented in 2021 with a total viewing audience of **2,101**. The National Foster Parent Association - Coffee with Caregivers. <https://nfpaonline.org/Coffee>

New & Updated Resources

In 2021, COSA completed the update/revision of the NFPA Code of Ethics for Foster Parents now known as the NFPA Foster Parent Guiding Principles. The National Foster Parent Association - Foster Parent Guiding Principles (nfpaonline.org)

NFPA produced the Federal Tax Guide for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Caregivers for the 2020 tax year in partnership with Bills Tax Service of Centralia, Illinois. The Tax Guide is an annual benefit available only to members of NFPA.

We partnered with RITZ on a commercial titled "Foster Welcome" to celebrate foster parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day 2021. RITZ® Brand Celebrates Foster Parents this Mother's and Father's Day with Inspiring "Foster Welcome" Campaign (prnewswire.com) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMo1c1bZ0LU>

Representation

NFPA participated in and represented our members at the following meetings/campaigns:

- ❖ Department of Homeland Security Campaign on Human Trafficking
- ❖ CWLA Conference Planning Committee
- ❖ National Foster Care Month Planning Group
- ❖ SAFE Coalition on Human Rights
- ❖ Children Need Amazing Parents (CHAMPS)
- ❖ CWLA Commission
- ❖ Spoon Foundation
- ❖ American Academy of Pediatrics

New Leadership

NFPA transitioned from our long-time Executive Director, Irene Clements, with the hiring of Arnold Eby as the Executive Director to be effective 1/1/2022.

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