

Investigate concerns about the health, safety, or welfare of a young person in foster care

Receiving and tracking complaints that arise from concerned adults, and young people in foster care

Connect Fosters to critical resources more efficiently and effectively and when needed make recommendations for systems improvements



Establish an Ombudsperson for Fosters

Children in out-of-home care have no choice but to rely on the state to ensure their basic needs are being met. The reality is that many Fosters are facing further harm while in care. Who can a young person call when it's the state who is causing the harm? Currently, no one.

#Support HF3845/SF4209

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What We Do



Relationships

We **collectively organize with Fosters** as they direct the growth of our networks, programs, communication, and advocacy.



Research

We **center and elevate the lived experiences of Fosters** as they identify gaps, barriers, and solutions for systems change.



Reform

We **advocate for legislative, policy, and practice reform at all levels** to improve experiences for Minnesota Fosters.

Who We Serve

- 40,000+ children involved in maltreatment reports
- 17,000+ youth in foster care
- Hundreds of foster youth who age out of care
- Every uncounted former foster youth and their families