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## The CHAMPS Campaign Invites You to **GET INVOLVED**

CHAMPS is a national campaign to ensure bright futures for kids in foster care by promoting quality foster parenting. Learn more about CHAMPS and its goal of spurring policy changes across the country by visiting [www.fosteringCHAMPS.org](http://www.fosteringCHAMPS.org)

### Reasons to get involved:

- **Children do best in and need families.** Foster parents are key to helping children heal, grow and thrive.
- **Currently, many good foster parents quit due to antiquated policies.** This is costly and bad for kids.
- **We know what works** to achieve quality foster parenting; many approaches are no- or low-cost solutions.
- **You can make a difference** for kids. By acting now to improve foster parenting policies, more children will:
  - Be safe and healthy,
  - Experience greater academic success,
  - Stay connected to their siblings
  - Have more stable lives, and
  - Leave foster care for a permanent family through safe reunification with birth families, placements with relatives, or through adoption.

### Ways You Can Help

1. **Pledge Your Support.** Join in taking the CHAMPS pledge to acknowledge foster parents are game-changers in the lives of children and to publicly demonstrate your support for CHAMPS and its goal of promoting quality foster parenting. Encourage others to sign as well. <http://fosteringchamps.org/the-champs-pledge/>
2. **Spread the word** about the importance of foster parents in the lives of children. See the “Get Involved” section of our website for easy ways to share information about CHAMPS, including PowerPoint slides and a video to share at a coalition meeting; sample social media posts; and text for newsletters or blogs. <http://fosteringchamps.org/get-involved/spread-the-word/>
3. **Share your story with us.** You can help the CHAMPS campaign by letting us know about successful strategies in your community. If you’re a foster parent, employer, community or faith-based organization, or other involved stakeholder, please contact us to share examples of existing policies that are working well to support foster parents and children in your community. Reach us at [info@fosteringchamps.org](mailto:info@fosteringchamps.org) so we can highlight what’s working.
4. **Get involved locally.** Consider hosting an informational meeting in your community to start the conversation about what’s working well and what’s needed to better support foster parents and the children they care for. CHAMPS can co-host, serve as a planning partner, identify national experts to speak, and provide logistical support. Contact CHAMPS to discuss at [info@fosteringchamps.org](mailto:info@fosteringchamps.org).
5. **Be an advocate for children and families!** Use this sample letter to share the CHAMPS Policy Playbook with your local policymakers (council members, legislator or agency officials). The letter is available in the “Get Involved” section of our website under “Advocate for Children and Families.”