

# PERMANENT FAMILIES RECRUITMENT PROJECT



# PROJECT PURPOSE

- To increase the number of foster and adoptive homes for Ramsey County waiting children.
- To increase the number of permanent homes for older youth.
- To increase the pool of racial/ethnic homes which reflect the race and ethnicity of our waiting children.
- To recruit a permanent family for every Ramsey County Waiting Child.

# WHAT IS FOSTER CARE

- In Minnesota, when children must enter foster care, relatives and kin are sought to care for **their** children.
- Preserving relationships with family members is crucial to a child's sense of safety and well being. When relatives and kin are not available, Ramsey County will recruit community members to become foster families.
- Most often foster care is temporary and children are reunited with their parents within a short time.

# WHAT IS ADOPTION

- When courts terminate parents' rights, children are placed in foster care and committed to the guardianship of the state of Minnesota.
- Ramsey County's goal is to find permanent homes, through adoption, for all children under state guardianship.

# WHO ARE THE WAITING CHILDREN

- Waiting children are youth who are under the supervision of Ramsey County Human Services.
- The majority of the children are over 6 years old.
- Some of the children have medical or special needs.
- Many children may be a member of a sibling group.
- **ALL OF THESE CHILDREN NEED FAMILIES NOW!**

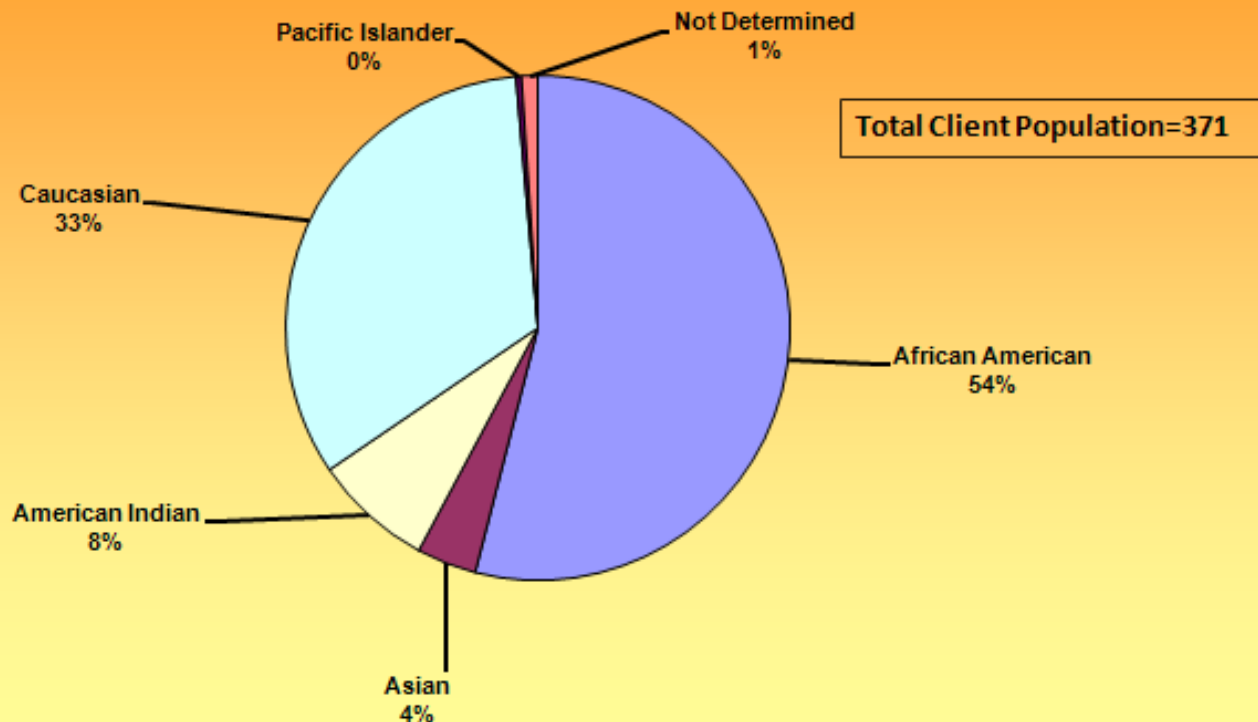
# Target Audience:

- ① African American and Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods and communities.
- ① Local business community.
- ① AA & Hispanic faith-based organizations, sororities, fraternities, and other professional and civic groups.
- ① Kinship and relative family members of waiting children.

# Target Population:

Ramsey County's state wards waiting to be adopted, specifically, African American, Hispanic/Latino and older youth.

Race of Adoption Guardianship Clients



# YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Attending an informational meeting to learn how to become a foster or adoptive parent.
- Arrange for a Ramsey County representative to speak at your organization, work place or church.
- Bring recruitment materials to your work, place of worship or community.
- Provide gift cards to teens in foster care.



# OUR WAITING CHILDREN: ASHLEY DESERVES A HOME



# OUR WAITING CHILDREN: LIN WANTS A PERMANENT FAMILY



# OUR WAITING CHILDREN: YOUR HOME IS WAITING FOR JESSICA



# OUR WAITING CHILDREN: JEREMY HAS A BIG HEART TOO!



# HOW ARE YOU HELPING THE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact Karen Franklin at 651.266.4723 or [karen.franklin@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:karen.franklin@co.ramsey.mn.us).
- Contact Ramsey County Adoption or Foster Care Hotline at 651.266.KIDS.
- Visit Ramsey County website at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us).

# THANK YOU