

State of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families



Greetings!

I am writing to acknowledge the devotion, passion, and commitment of our foster parents to the children of Rhode Island. Foster Parents include those who are family members or individuals with an existing relationship to a child, otherwise known as kinship caregivers, as well as licensed traditional and therapeutic foster homes. In the month of May, we celebrate National Foster Care Awareness Month, we celebrate you! Today, we have over 1,100 licensed foster families caring for over 1200 children. As foster parents you provide compassion, nurturance, and support to our most vulnerable children. For this, we stand ready to support you in caring for our children, we recognize you and thank you!

As Anchors to the children and families in your care we encourage you reflect on the critical role that you have in the child welfare system. At the same time, it is an opportunity for all of us to renew our commitment to children.

Please continue to encourage those interested in providing foster care to reach out in consideration of being a licensed foster home. You are the true ambassadors of a strong foster family system!

Congratulations of being a foster parent! We truly appreciate everything you do for our children!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin J. Aucoin".

Kevin J. Aucoin

Acting Director - DCYF

