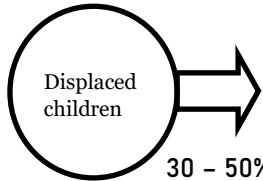
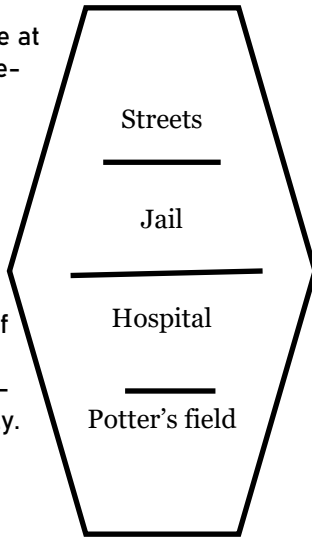


Displaced children are at phenomenal risk of being unable to function properly as adults.



30 - 50% of compromised adults grew up on their own-displaced from family.



The Campaign says lack of resources, fundamental misinformation, and incorrect assumptions have led to this tragedy.

By displaced children, the Campaign refers to children who are not being cared for by at least one mature adult in a lifelong, legally secure relationship. Yes, the terminology can be confusing, there are many homeless children who are members of homeless families. However the Campaign means the 1,000,000+ children who are in the care of no one.

"All truth passes through three stages. First it is ridiculed, then violently opposed. Finally it is accepted as self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer

The Campaign relies on volunteers using the web, social media, and offering virtual Coffee Chats, to generate 5,000,000 signatures of people who want the children brought home. This will *demonstrate a groundswell of public opinion* which will authorize policy makers to do the difficult work of changing the systems that surround the kids.

We have a realistic hope that the day will come when no child has to raise themselves.

The link for our petition, more information, volunteering, and donating can be found at:

www.ChildrenNeedParents.org

and:

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CAMPAIGN: Children NEED Parents

... no child has to raise themselves.

The current leader, Br. Terry Taffe ofm Cap., MA, LMSW began working for the children in 1977. He is a Catholic monk (Capuchin Franciscan) and says: "Over the course of time, we realize we have something to say on their behalf. They just want connection - family- and it is **possible!**"



CAMPAIGN: Children NEED Parents

... no child has to be displaced.

"Angie" has been in 32 different foster houses and group homes. She's 14.
Why???



Unbelievable?

Is it an illusion to say that no child has to grow up displaced from family?

Or, is the belief that there will always be children growing up alone an unexamined assumption? We challenge you to come up with data driven answers. What's your evidence?

What's the problem? There are 1,000,000+ displaced children in this country. What's the solution? Have families raise the kids!

Did you know for example:

~The average age of children 'adopted'

1960 = 1 2020 = 8 (and 13-14 in some agencies)

~oldest child 'adopted'

1960 = 2 2020 = 20

~Number of adoptive parents who already have children

1960 = 1% 2020 = 40%

~Number of children per legal adoption

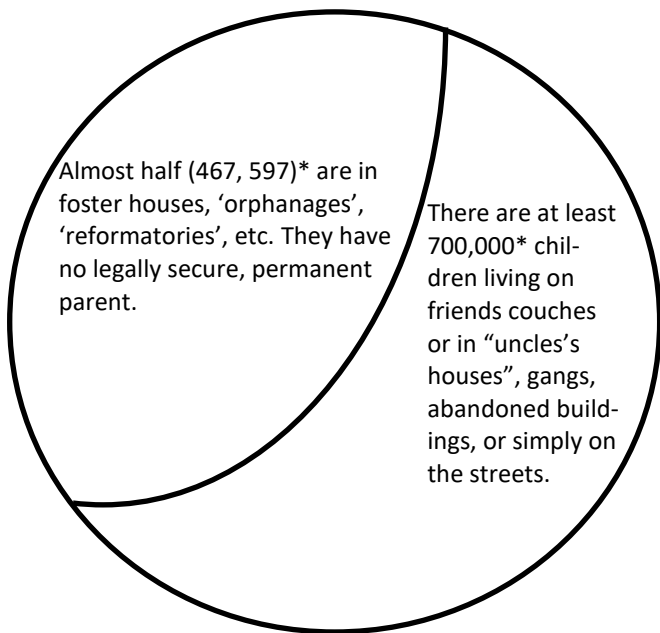
1960 = 1 2020 = 2.3

~Racial background of adoptive families

1960 = 99.9% Caucasian 2020 = 65 Caucasian

Despite this there's a problem:

**1,000,000+ displaced children
in the U.S.**



*Most, if not all numbers and statistics in this field are approximate.

The majority of children in Foster Care can and should go home. And yes, their families of origin often need some support. But these supports, already identified and tested, are more effective (and cheaper) than institutional care.

Reasons to conclude we can find families for all our children:

Best Practices have improved

- ◆ Agencies have changed their understanding and are finding all kinds of families for all kinds of children.
- ◆ Technology has improved how social workers and agencies can swap information more effectively.

Myth: Adoption is for adults who can't have children. **Fact:** Adoption is also for children who need families.

Myth: Children are in Foster Care because of their behavior. **Fact:** Most children enter Foster Care due to neglect.

Myth: There are "Hard-to-Place" children. **Fact:** This form of blame the victim leads to giving up the search before it's complete. (As Henry Ford said, "If you say you can't then you're right.")

Can you point to any of the families you know through church, the PTA, sports, etc. who take kids in or who want to? We bet you can- and that it's more than 1 in 100.

The legal structure has improved

- ◆ It's recognized that the State can't raise a child... 'ward of the court' is a contradiction of terms.
- ◆ Children's right to a family is being recognized. They are not chattel anymore; they're people not possessions.
- ◆ The psychological relationship is more often being seen as more important than the legal.

Families are more adaptable

Adoption takes many, many forms and families come in many, many shapes.

- ◆ Yes of course it's tough to raise children.
- ◆ But, "Diff'rent Strokes" and "Family Matters" are TV shows.
- ◆ So, 'stuff' happens. (That's what we're talkin' about.)
- ◆ Healthy families roll with the punches.
- ◆ American family life is rolling with the punches!! We may not be 100% graceful but we're rolling with the punches. (Gasp! American family life is healthy!?!)

Public Communication has improved

- ◆ We've begun to introduce the kids to the public- instead of hiding them away
- ◆ We need less than 1% of families to step forward and we have all the people we need.