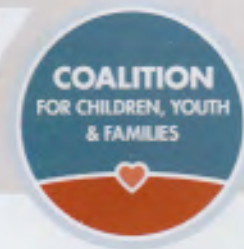


Summer 2022

THE BACKER BULLETIN



Greetings and well wishes to you all during these lovely summer months!

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, the Coalition continues to do great work and meet the needs of the families we are here to inspire, inform, and support.

If you have ever traveled around Wisconsin, you likely know how vast our state's geography is. And you may have even come to understand the contrasts between our more populated urban areas and the more open rural places. However, you may not know that the organization you support connects with families in each of Wisconsin's counties and communities.

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Whether they care for children through foster care, adoption, or kinship, these families share one thing in common: they need quality information to be at their best. One of the more challenging areas to find good information about is in caring for children from a racial or ethnic background other than your own. We created a learning path within the Champion Classrooms (our on-demand learning platform) with that key need in mind. The Transracial Parenting Learning Path includes several recorded trainings that address the needs of parents caring for kids of a race different from their own.

In this issue of the *Backer Bulletin*, you'll meet a couple who, because of geography, have limited access to individuals and resources to help them understand the specific needs of the children in their care. However, because of generous supporters like you, we have created the tools that specifically meet their needs--and the needs of other parents and caregivers just like them.

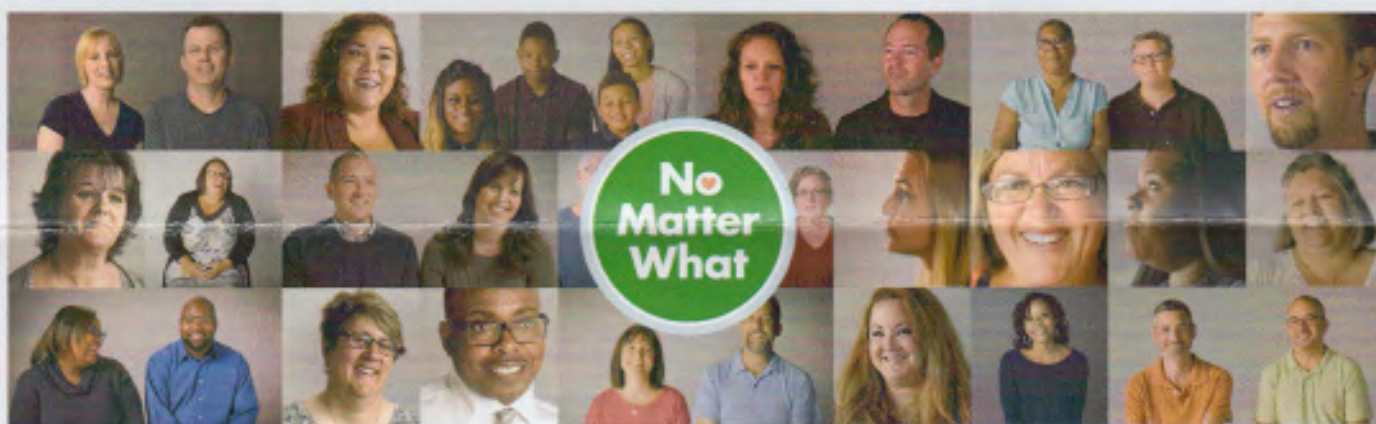
As you read this newsletter, I hope that you take a moment to reflect on how special you are and that you feel like an essential part of our mission and vision at the Coalition. You are an integral part of ensuring all children have champions and those champions have the support they need.



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oriana Carey".

Oriana Carey
Chief Executive Officer



A NEW HOME FOR NO MATTER WHAT

Our library of [No Matter What Families videos](#) has a new home on YouTube! The channel houses all 30 videos, along with links to specific resources for continued support in the descriptions. We invite you to [check out the channel](#)—and be sure to subscribe so you will be among the first to know when we add new content!

BECAUSE OF YOU



I have had the opportunity to take some day trips around Wisconsin over the past couple of months. I purposely avoided the freeway in favor of county highways and back roads. These trips have given me a new appreciation of how large our charter truly is: at least one champion for every child and support for every champion across 72 counties and countless communities. From the heart of major metropolitan areas to the edges of the smallest towns, parents and caregivers turn to the Coalition for the information, recommendations, and resources they need.

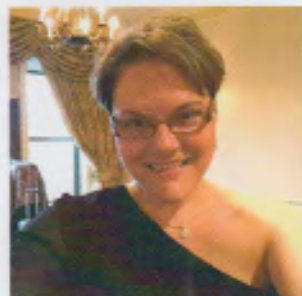
It's an honor to be here for them.

And it's something that we simply can't do without people like you.

The truth is that we need your help. Not only your financial support—which is always so greatly appreciated—but your actions, too. You can help us reach more parents and caregivers, and here are two simple ways how:

- Join our weekly email list and forward the information to others
- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, and YouTube, and share our content with your networks

Thank you for being you. Your consideration, kindness, and generosity fuel the mission and vision of this organization!



With thanks,

Jenna Czaplewski
Director of Communications

P.S. Want a bonus way to help us expand our reach? Donate your birthday or another special day to fundraise for the Coalition! You could set up a GoFundMe, a Facebook Fundraiser, or another similar campaign. We'd be happy to support your efforts!



CHAMPION'S CONNECTION

NEW WEBINARS IN THE CHAMPIONS CLASSROOMS

<https://www.championclassrooms.org/>

- Seasons Change: Understanding Transition & Change for Foster Parents
- Creating Space for Healing: Helping Adolescents and Teens Thrive
- Understanding and Supporting Your Transracial Adoptee
- Relative Caregiver Series

NEW NO MATTER WHAT FAMILY VIDEO

- Everyone Has a Story

NEW VIRTUAL RESOURCE KITS

- Looking at Challenging Behaviors via a Trauma-Informed Lens
- Transracial Parenting



For more resources, check out the Lending Library at <https://wifostercareandadoption.org/library-assets/> or the No Matter What families' videos at [our YouTube channel](#).

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Each year, we strive to meet the ongoing and emerging needs of the families we serve. When you give to the Coalition, you empower confident parents and caregivers who are raising the next generation of strong and resilient community members and leaders. And, when you give monthly, you help ensure that we have access to the funding necessary to support every child and every champion.

Join our community of monthly donors inspiring, informing, and supporting families building strength, confidence, and resilience. Sign up today at <https://coalitionforcyf.org/give-monthly/>.



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