

12 Days of Foster Care
(Sung to the tune 12 Days of Christmas)
Extended Version
Written by Chauncey Strong, MSW

I believe that **All** children in foster care deserve a family. We often use the term permanency, which to me, means every child leaving foster care to a safe, loving, and nurturing family.

In 2017, I wrote the song 12 Days of Foster Care, which highlights what I believe are the important elements needed to ensure that all children leave the foster care system to a family. I hope you enjoy this song.

On the 1st day of foster care, a worker gave to me
A Child who reached permanency.

On the 2nd day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 3rd day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 4th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 5th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 6th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families

Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 7th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 8th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 9th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 10th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers

Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 11th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Eleven Youth/Alumni Voices
Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

On the 12th day of foster care, a worker gave to me
Twelve Permanent Connections
Eleven Youth/Alumni Voices
Ten Dedicated Foster Parents
Nine Compassionate Judges
Eight Supportive Supervisors
Seven Committed Workers
Six Finalized Adoptions
Five Birth Families
Four Engaged Fathers
Three Connected Siblings
Two Reunifications
and A Child who reached permanency.

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