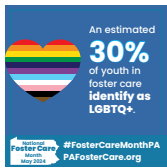


Recognize National Foster Care Month Take Action This May!

Build Community and Raise Awareness throughout National Foster Care Month

Each May, we honor and recognize National Foster Care Month to raise awareness about students experiencing foster care in your schools, agencies, and communities. **Honoring and recognizing National Foster Care Month is an important part of keeping the education needs of children and youth in foster care in the minds of the public.**



1. **Share our sample key facts**, digital recognition flyers and images, and social media post series to show your support and encourage involvement in your school and community.
2. **Organize a supply drive** within your school community to collect comfort items, essentials, and school supplies for a child's first night in care. Coordinate your donations with your local Education Liaison.
3. **Raise awareness of National Foster Care Month** by coordinating a Wear Blue Day at your school or organization on Wednesday, May 7 for National Foster Care Day.
4. **Be intentional about checking in** with students experiencing foster care this May. Ensure they are on track and have resources to finish the current school year strong. Download our new guide for helpful ideas.
5. **Ensure that students** in foster care placement and eligible for Act 1 have been properly identified and receive the benefits they are entitled to.
6. **Identify a secondary school Point of Contact** for students, foster parents, and child welfare agencies to ensure support and access during summer break, and to ensure that students are ready to begin school on time next fall.
7. **Identify and connect students** in foster care placement to programs and services available during the summer months. Make necessary referrals to ensure adequate support during summer break.
8. **Register yourself and invite colleagues** to join in our three-part event May webinar series: "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Foster Care Essentials."



Scan QR Code to access our National Foster Care Month digital toolkit, register for the webinar, and find helpful resources to help you take action this May and beyond!



#FosterCareMonthPA

PAFosterCare.org