

REASONS WHY I COME TO MEETINGS AND RE-TREATS:

- Make a little more sense of the world.
- Share passion
- Hang out with friends
- Travel and fun
- Attend conferences
- For new experiences
- Hope for better foster care
- Not being alone
- Entertainment
- Humor
- Connection
- Share my experiences
- Knowledge
- Met lots of people
- Great opportunity
- Build relationships
- Team work
- Good feelings
- Inspired

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FFCA wants to recruit new members and encourage anyone who is in foster care or has been in foster care to join us. Contact the regional Independent Living Specialist in your area about becoming a member. You can also Email us at fostercare@yahoo.com for more information. Present the below information to your ILS.

Membership- FFCA is composed of individuals who are in or from the foster care system. The membership represents a wide range of ages, including
~Youth (Soul of the group) Ages 15 to 18
~Alumni (Senior leaders) Ages 19 to 24
~Elders (Resource Advisors) Ages 24 to 100

Facing Foster Care in Alaska

HEAR US TO KNOW US



Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the foster care system through sharing youth experiences in order to support and educate youth and social services to implement positive change in society as a whole

Regional meeting And statewide retreats:

FFCA is building membership by holding regional meetings in Juneau, Fairbanks, Anchorage and Wasilla. At these regional meetings, youth and alumni get to know each other, have fun and learn about FFCA.

Members can, if they wish, share their experiences in foster care; often provide support for others; always learn new things and talk about ideas to help change the foster care system.

Youth and alumni who attend regional meetings have the opportunity to attend statewide retreats. The retreats are held four times a year in Anchorage area. These two day events usually involve some type of training, work and strategy sessions, food and fun.



History-

In 2003, a group of dedicated foster care youth and alumni from across Alaska came together to share their issues and form a Youth Advisory Board.

In 2004, the group adopted the name **Facing Foster Care in Alaska (FFCA)**. FFCA is a dedicated and sustaining a statewide organization that will continue to work towards supporting foster youth and improving the foster care system.

Some goals for 2008-

- ~ Enhance group co-operation
- ~ Recruit more members
- ~ Produce and distribute newsletter
- ~ Develop bill of rights for youth in care
- ~ Strong regional groups

Accomplishments-

- ~ It's My Life Conference in Sacramento
- ~ Alaska Walking the Path Conference, Girdwood, AK
- ~ Seattle Better Together Conference
- ~ Texas Better Together Conference
- ~ Disproportionality training for Alaska
- ~ Native Youth Council
- ~ Department of Labor Workforce Investment training
- ~ REI Video
- ~ Foster parent Training
- ~ Housing guide for homeless youth
- ~ 12 FFCA retreats
- ~ 2 FFCA newsletters
- ~ Membership recruitment
- ~ Developed FFCA strategic plan
- ~ Training for new Social Workers
- ~ Media training
- ~ Newspaper interviews
- ~ Executive board members
- ~ Made social workers cry
- ~ Much, much more.

What do I bring to the meetings/retreats?

- We strive to create friendships with all of our members.
- Sarcasm
- Humor
- Networking
- Myself
- Stories
- Passion
- Help better other children's lives
- Good at encouraging other people in the group and people who join
- Support
- Participation
- Intellect and Modesty
- Motivated to really get this group going.