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Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc., Joins HRC & Record Number of Partners Working on LGBTQ+ Inclusivity - 172 agencies partner with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's All Children - All Families program, including Forever Families Through Adoption (FFTA), and together serve more than 1.4 million clients annually. FFTA is proud to be one of the 136 returning partners.

RYE BROOK, NEW YORK -- FFTA is proud to be one of 172 child welfare organizations joining the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's All Children - All Families (ACAF) program in 2023, as highlighted in a new report. Together, these organizations work to improve the services provided to the LGBTQ+ community, including children in foster care and prospective foster and adoptive parents who are LGBTQ+. This year alone, this multi-organization partnership assessed 9,500+ policies and practices within child welfare organizations to ensure they meet ACAF best practices criteria — approximately 6,000 more than were assessed when this report was first released in 2019. This allowed for over 1.4 million children, youth, and families across 43 states to benefit from these LGBTQ+ inclusive policies and affirming practices.

"Providing children and families with the most inclusive environment in which to grow should always be the number one priority," said **Phii Regis, Director of HRC's All Children - All Families Program**. "We are grateful for FFTA's work as part of this partnership — together, we can win the fight for equality and build safe and loving communities at the same time."

FFTA is so proud to have again received the highest tier of recognition – "Innovative Inclusion". We take pride in working with LGBTQ+ families and are always committed to treating all persons with respect, dignity and compassion and welcomes all families regardless of race, religion, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, nationality, or disability.

With the work of ACAF, A record-breaking 10,650+ professionals were trained in how to make their agencies as inclusive of LGBTQ+ families and youth as possible.

FFTA is a New York and Connecticut authorized adoption placement agency and resource center that has proudly served hundreds of adoptive parents, birth parents, and adoptees. To learn more about FFTA please visit <u>www.ForeverFamiliesThroughAdoption.org</u> To learn more about the All Children-All Families program, please visit:

https://www.thehrcfoundation.org/about/all-children-all-families.

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the educational arm of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people. Through its programs, the HRC Foundation seeks to make transformational change in the everyday lives of LGBTQ+ people, shedding light on inequity and deepening the public's understanding of LGBTQ+ issues, with a clear focus on advancing transgender and racial justice.

