

Katherine Marquart, Recruitment Manager, FosterAdopt Connect

Katherine Marquart, from Jefferson County, Kansas, has a passion for making a difference in the lives of others, which started as a frontline child welfare caseworker at the Missouri Department of Social Services, Jackson County Children's Division.

During her tenure, Ms. Marquart handled numerous cases, and after her first year, she advanced the number of cases she could manage, often overseeing up to 25 cases at a time. Simultaneously, she pursued her Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, which she completed in 2018. Ms. Marquart joined FosterAdopt Connect where she oversaw the Extreme Family Finding Program, a program that helps find extended family members and kin relationships for children who are at risk of aging out of foster care. Marquart excelled in her role, earning a promotion to Recruitment Programs Manager, where she oversaw both Extreme Family Finding and the 30 Days to Family programs, an evidence-based program to locate family members to care for children who have entered the foster care system.