

Having a child in foster care four years is not in his best interest.

Maryland keeps children in foster care years more than other states. Maryland is almost the worst state in the country in finding permanency for foster children. Please help these children find permanency quicker, please support concurrent planning.

We want safe, permanent homes for children as quickly as possible! Promoting concurrent planning will help find foster children a safe, permanent, home quicker than what is currently happening in Maryland.

As a foster parent I see the terrible systemic disadvantages these children endure. Please do not perpetuate these disadvantages. Please support concurrent planning and reduce the time foster children remain in emotional and legal limbo.

I struggled to maintain stability and security for the newborn that was placed with me. For the two and half years that Baby A lived with me, it was a constant battle to maintain stability and security for him. It was a relentless struggle to ensure Baby A was not moved to different foster homes until his current reunification. Regrettably, his siblings have been moved to 3 separate foster homes plus many respite and emergency foster homes. Tragically his siblings are going into their fourth year in foster care.

During the 2 and half years I had Baby A, his caseworker changed four times! These hardworking caseworkers want what is best for him, but with their limited time and resources, these constant changes add to his instability and emotional limbo. Please promote stability for these children by requiring concurrent planning by the caseworkers. Do not allow these children to continue living in emotional and legal limbo for years. Please encourage permanency by requiring concurrent planning.