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In 2022, Kidsave launched the EMBRACE Project, a research-driven initiative, to address the overrepresentation of Black children in the foster care system in the United States. EMBRACE envisions a world in which every child, regardless of their background, can thrive in a stable and nurturing environment.

In 2023, Kidsave collaborated with Gallup on a nationwide survey of 5,000 adult Americans with an oversampling of Black adults to identify the top perceived barriers to mentoring, fostering, and adopting children from the foster care system. Kidsave completed additional qualitative research evaluating responses of 50 Black adults to questions about experiences and perceptions regarding the child welfare system.

In response to the study's findings, we launched Cultural Responsiveness Training in 2024 to help mentors and adoptive parents learn best practices in caring for children of another race or identity. In 2025, we will launch a pilot program that will connect potential host and adoptive families of any background with adult Peer Mentors who have previously hosted or adopted a Black, Latino, Indigenous or LGBTQ+ child.

EMBRACE also amplifies the voices of Black, Latino, Indigenous and LGBTQ+ older kids in foster care.

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