

**Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy
at the UMass Medical School:**

Mission, Vision, and Values Statement

Our Mission

Based in a public medical school, the Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy is dedicated to developing practical responses to improve foster care and adoption policy and practice by conducting research, policy analysis, and education and training programs.

Our Vision

In five years, the Office of Foster Care and Adoption Education and Policy will be recognized as a leading research and education resource in the commonwealth, and as a national model for effective university and state agency collaboration, to improve policy and practice for children, birth, foster, and adoptive families, and professionals involved in foster care and adoption.

Our Values

Collaboration: We cultivate strategic partnerships to serve the public good.

Excellence: We strive to attain the highest quality outcomes in all our efforts.

Innovation: We spearhead research and continuous learning opportunities to create meaningful solutions.

Integrity: We commit to a spirit of collegiality with an emphasis on the highest ethical standards of honesty, fairness, and sensitivity.

Diversity: We are responsive to the needs of diverse populations and families.