

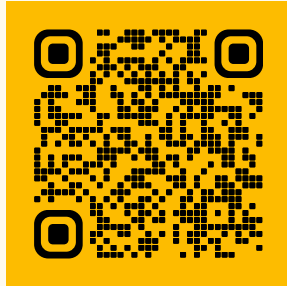
FY26 IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Adoptees for Justice is an intercountry adoptee-led project of NAKASEC that supports adoptees without citizenship through legal services, immediate aid, community organizing, and advocacy for long-term legislative solutions.



Scan to sign the PAAF petition!



THE PROTECT ADOPTees AND AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT (PAAF)

The passage of inclusive legislation that secures citizenship for all intercountry adoptees remains A4J's core project, and we successfully advocated for the renaming and re-introduction of the *Protect Adoptees and American Families Act* in September 2025. We are currently adjusting our strategy for the next Congress and thank our volunteers who called their Congressmembers and organized and participated in legislative meetings. This momentum is crucial as we continue to fight for justice!

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6 SENATE CO-SPONSORS

189 LEGISLATIVE OFFICE VISITS

184 ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

A4J ON THE GROUND

APRIL: ALSO KNOWN AS (AKA) 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN NEW YORK

A4J joined this milestone celebration of our partner AKA, one of the longest-running adoptee-led organizations. We presented on the PAAF and raised awareness of the issue of adoptees without citizenship among the 250 attendees.

MAY: OVERSEAS KOREANS AGENCY (OKA) GATHERING IN SEOUL

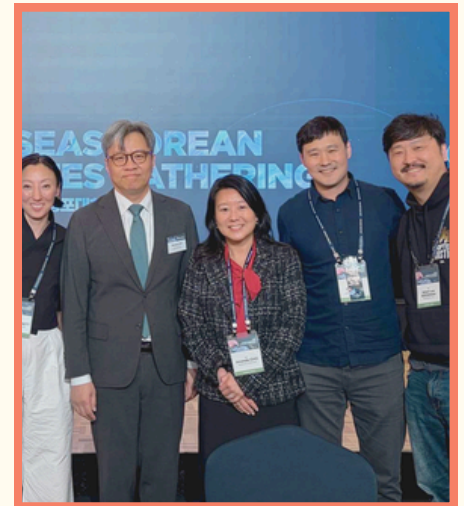
OKA is a government body that supports diasporic Koreans, including adoptees, and our staff and volunteers represented A4J at their annual summit in South Korea with 100 adoptee leaders. With participants from around the globe, we developed policy solutions for issues that Korean adoptees face, including citizenship rights in the U.S.

JUNE: KOREAN AMERICAN ADOPTEE ADOPTIVE FAMILY NETWORK (KAAN) CONFERENCE IN DENVER

KAAN's 2026 conference, *Resilience and Reckoning*, welcomed 300 community members to explore identity and build community. In addition to presenting on the PAAF, A4J participated in the Leadership Summit to fortify relationships with 14 other adoptee leaders and discuss collaborative opportunities.

JUNE: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION (NCFA) CONFERENCE IN D.C.

In order to create a more diverse foundation of coalition partners in support of the PAAF, two A4J leaders attended the NCFA's annual conference in our nation's capital among 400 attendees. This opportunity enabled us to share about our priority issue among social workers, policy makers, adoption agencies, et al., and expand our base of support for adoptee citizenship rights.



COMMUNITY CARE

In the face of institutional structures failing adoptees without citizenship, we have fostered a community care network to provide financial aid, legal resources, access to mental health resources, and other forms of community support to meet the most pressing needs of adoptees without citizenship and help them live with the dignity they deserve.



Emily, a longtime advocate with A4J, was facing an imminent deportation order. With A4J's support, she retained an attorney and applied for a gubernatorial pardon, a critical step for her case. We launched a public support campaign and explored every legal pathway to keep her safe. In the fall of 2025, Emily received her pardon, had her green card reinstated, and now lives in new subsidized housing thanks to the benefits made accessible by her status adjustment. This was a huge win for Emily, and our community.



Adoptees without citizenship are usually unaware of their status until adulthood, as was the case with Heidi.

With A4J's guidance and support, she navigated the naturalization process and received her rightful American citizenship in June!

She shared, **"This milestone would not have been possible without the unwavering support of Adoptees for Justice, NAKASEC, and HANA Center, and their dedication to justice and belonging."**

\$30,000

DISTRIBUTED TO ADOPTES WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP TO HELP COVER BASIC NEEDS

59

- APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. NATURALIZATION
- WORK AUTHORIZATION AND VISA APPLICATIONS
- CONNECTIONS TO ATTORNEYS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL

200+

ADOPTES SUPPORTED AND EMPOWERED THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CALLS



A4J volunteers in D.C. organized a paper crane-folding party to support Emily's pardon campaign.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Since adoptees without citizenship are not able to obtain documents needed to earn a reliable income, they often struggle to pay for everyday needs such as rent, groceries, and healthcare.

Many thanks to all of our generous donors and volunteers who contributed mutual aid funds, helped organize grassroots fundraisers and events, and donated their skills, knowledge, and services to support adoptees without citizenship as we work together toward permanent solutions for our community.