

# 2012 Price Child Health and Welfare Journalism Awards

Submissions by Ryann Blackshere  
Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Electronic Media Category

## Submissions

- 1. Headline: Struggle Toward Success: Foster Youth Battle Mental Illness**  
Publication: Fostering Families Today  
Published: March/April 2012  
Synopsis: Iberia Zafira, a student at Stanford University and former foster youth, shares a struggle many youth who experience foster care face: mental health.  
Location: [http://www.adoptinfo.net/catalog\\_g203.html?catId=164940](http://www.adoptinfo.net/catalog_g203.html?catId=164940) (fee)
- 2. Headline: Free Therapy for Foster Youth: An Organization You Need to Know This Foster Care Month**  
Publication: The Huffington Post  
Published: May 17, 2012  
Synopsis: A Home Within provides free lifetime therapy for those who need it most: foster youth.  
Location: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ryann-blackshere/foster-care-therapy-options\\_b\\_1523296.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ryann-blackshere/foster-care-therapy-options_b_1523296.html)
- 3. Headline: Racially Diverse Oakland Remains Challenging For Transracial Adoptees**  
Publication: Oakland Local  
Published: December 15, 2011  
Synopsis: Children of color adopted by White parents need more than a loving home to adapt racially in Oakland  
Location: <http://oaklandlocal.com/article/racially-diverse-oakland-remains-challenging-transracial-adoptees>
- 4. Headline: 50 Percent of Foster Care Kids Don't Graduate High School**  
Publication: NBC News Education Nation  
Published: November 4, 2011  
Synopsis: Only half of youth in foster care graduate high school, and more states and child welfare agencies are finding solutions to student's academic issues.  
Location: <http://www.educationnation.com/index.cfm?objectid=A8A3BC0E-0726-11E1-9CAC000C296BA163>
- 5. Headline: From System Kid to System Changer: How Jennifer Rodriguez Came to Lead the Youth Law Center**  
Publication: Chronicle of Social Change  
Published: May 8, 2012  
Synopsis: The new Executive Director of the Youth Law Center, Jennifer Rodriguez, explains how her experience in the foster care and juvenile justice systems informs the work she and her colleagues do each day to advocate for youth.  
Location: <http://chronicleofsocialchange.wordpress.com/2012/05/08/from-system-kid-to-system-changer-how-jennifer-rodriguez-came-to-lead-the-youth-law-center/>