# We Are CPS (title of video)

0:05: When I started working in adoptions, I came with the attitude I have to find this child

0:10 a home.

0:11 And I really felt that I made an incredible difference.

0:14 Yeah, I really do feel that I'm a change maker out there.

0:17 Well, I feel that everything that we do makes a difference and

0:20 It makes it fun to be busy as a caseworker and, you know, come to work everyday

0:24 I've worked for CPS for almost 13 years and I get to continue to have those long term

0:29 relationships with the kids and I think that's what's so special about the job.

0:41 There is a teenage girl I worked with. She was sixteen years old, had been in foster

0:46 care since she was seven or eight years old. People didn't want to take her in. They considered

0:52 her a hard to place child and she was about to age out of care and we could find her a

0:57 forever family. It's an overwhelming experience, really, when

1:00 you think about playing a role in joining a child with parents.

1:04 It makes me feel amazing when I can actually help somebody and provide them a future and

1:09 changes that will help in their family life. Just knowing that you're making, hopefully,

1:14 a good lasting impression on their lives. I try to be a change maker, yeah, I try to

1:18 give opportunities. Yeah, I mean, I really do feel like I'm a

1:21 change maker when I'm out there. I mean I'm out there making decisions on the front line,

1:26 meeting with families, finding out different crises that emerge and responding to them

1:30 the best I can to make sure that they live a healthier and safer life.

1:35 When you get those other clients that are successful then you know your job is making

1:39 a difference. It's the most rewarding feeling seeing the

1:43 child being adopted, seeing everyone that was once involved in her life present.

1:48 This year I had the good fortune of working with a young man who was four and had some

1:53 really incredible special needs and he actually was in a position that he may not have even

2:00 survived. We were very concerned about his health. We located a home that was incredible,

2:05 very skilled, loving parents and this little boy now has this forever home where he has

2:13 just blossomed and it's been incredible. It's made medical miracles that we didn't think

2:18 would ever happen in this home and it's been just a wonderful experience to know that I

2:24 played a little role for him.

2:26 We provide them that door and that opportunity to come out of that community and see what

2:32 else is out there for them.

2:33 It. It's amazing. It makes the whole, it's the whole purpose of the job, it makes the

2:37 job more fun

2:38 It's just something that I really enjoy. It's something that I look forward to every day

2:41 It's for the kids and that's what it's all about

2:44 I love my job. I tell everyone that. I love coming to work every day.

2:48 I do this job because this is my calling.

2:51 This job is right for me because I love working with children.

2:55 It is, um, it's just. It really feels like a miracle in some ways.

3:01 You see that in the child and that's the most rewarding. Knowing that they will have a forever

3:04 family. Someone to be supportive of them at all times.

3:07 At the end of the day there's one question you have to ask yourself. Are the children

3:11 safe? And when you answer that question the children are safe because I did this. That's

3:16 why I can get up in the morning. It's just makes everything more exciting fun

3:20 for me. I'm very proud to work at CPS.