

“Adoption is a chance to get a good home. It's cool to have two families in a way. If I didn't get adopted, life would have been scary. It's nice not to have to worry and have a good

Mission

The mission of Children's Friend is to promote the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities.

Adoption at Children's Friend



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Am I eligible to adopt?

It is simply not true that you must own your own home or that you must be wealthy to adopt a child. You can live in the city or country, you may have children already or you may be childless. What you must be able to do is open your heart and home to a child who needs a permanent and loving home.

All adoptive parents must participate in our training program and home study process to determine eligibility.

How do I know if I am ready to adopt?

If you are considering adoption, trained, experienced social workers on staff at Children's Friend will help you arrive at a decision that is right for you. Should you decide to adopt, our professional staff will help you through the adoption process. We also make support and assistance available to your family after the child joins you.

What if my child has a medical problem?

Financial assistance may be available to families who adopt children with medical and other special needs. The State of Rhode Island offers financial subsidies on a case-by-case basis, based on the needs of the child. Our social workers can help you determine what kind of assistance might be available.

Can I afford to adopt?

Children's Friend works to keep adoption fees at affordable rates for families. Some employers are now offering adoption subsidies to their employees, and there may be tax credits for families that adopt.

What children are available to adopt?

At Children's Friend, we believe it is every child's right to grow up in a stable, loving home.

Many of the children we place in adoptive homes are born to birth families who are struggling with a variety of social and economic problems.

Although they are unable to care for them, these parents want their children to have an opportunity to live in a safe, stable, loving family. This is why they chose Children's Friend.

The infants and young children we place for adoption come from diverse backgrounds and some may be at risk for a variety of medical and social problems.

We often work in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth & Families and other private adoption agencies to ensure that waiting children are matched with caring, permanent families.

All of these children have one thing in common: they need a family who will give them love and security.

How can I learn more?

For more information about adoption at Children's Friend, contact a member of the Permanency team at (401) 276-4300 or email at info@cfsri.org.