

“The staff were extremely helpful, understanding and patient. Thank you for everything. It's nice to know we're not alone.”

- Adoption Support & Preservation Client

Adoption Support & Preservation at Children's Friend



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.



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What is the Adoption Support and Preservation Program?

The Adoption Support & Preservation Program provides confidential support and counseling to pre- and post-adoptive families and their children. Adoptive families often have unique needs that require specialized adoption sensitive services.

The primary goals of the program are to promote permanency for children, increase parenting skills, improve child behavior and decrease the number of unnecessary adoption disruptions.

The program works from a family-centered approach, focusing on each family's individual strengths to improve overall family functioning.

A social worker provides home or agency based services. Families are welcome to participate in the program until they are stabilized.

The door is always open if families want to return for services at a later time.

Is there a fee?

The program is funded through a contract with DCYF. There is no fee for participation. Certain services may be provided through individual insurance.

What families do you serve?

The Adoption Support and Preservation Program works with pre- and post-adoptive families and all kinds of adoptions including international, infants, older children, or adoptions by a relative.

Who is eligible?

The program serves pre- and post-adoptive families throughout the state of Rhode Island, experiencing crisis or in need of support. Some typical issues include child behavioral problems, aggression, mental health issues, family adjustment, school difficulties, attachment problems and parental stress. The children may be in the home at the time of referral or in an alternative placement.

Services Include:

- Individual, family, group, and couples therapy
- Crisis intervention
- 24-hour emergency response pager system
- Advocacy
- Coordination of services and service linkage
- Social skills group for younger children
- Groups for older children to talk about what it's like to be adopted
- Adoptive parent support group

Referrals

To make a referral you can contact any member of the permanency team at 401-276-4300.