

“I don't think of it as giving up my child, instead I gained a wonderful extended family!”

- Birth Parent

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.

Facing an unplanned pregnancy?

Understand your options.



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Become Informed

Children's Friend is the oldest social service agency in Rhode Island, offering support to families, children and pregnant women for more than 174 years. We provide support, counseling, and information for you at a very challenging and emotional time in your life.

Our qualified and caring staff is here to give you information that will help you make an informed decision about what is best for you and your child. We will help you understand your options and the services available to you in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment.

Becoming A Parent

Deciding to be a parent takes time. Sit with our staff and discuss the many new challenges and lifestyle changes that lie ahead. We will discuss prenatal care, birthing classes, medical care, finding a pediatrician, daycare options and what the first year will be like for your new family. Through our Family Support Initiative we also offer Early Head Start, Family Support Centers and Family Counseling.

What Services Do Clients Receive?

- Individual counseling
- Assistance in evaluating options
- Services and support for fathers & other family members
- Links and referrals to community resources and services

Choosing Adoption

As the birth parent, you can have a voice about your baby's adoptive family.

Children's Friend will work with you throughout the adoption process in a confidential and sensitive manner. You can be involved with the selection of the adoptive family. Adoptive parents can provide the child with information about your religious background, hobbies, education, interests, and important medical information. There are many compassionate families in Rhode Island just waiting for a child to love.

Call and speak to someone in Birth Parent Counseling at Children's Friend today. (401) 276-4300