

**“Sometimes you need someone other than the two families and DCYF to get things right. I feel that Children's Friend is wonderful because they are really there for the children.”**

**- Partners in**

## 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.

# Partners in Permanency at Children's Friend



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### What Is Partners in Permanency?

Partners in Permanency is a collaboration between Children's Friend and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) that provides comprehensive services to children in DCYF care, along with their birth families and foster families. The primary goal of the program is to find safe, permanent, stable homes for the children as quickly as possible. To do this, the Partners in Permanency staff works with the birth family, the foster family, and child, based on a concurrent planning model.

### Program Goals:

- \*To improve the quality and timeliness of permanency outcomes for children.
- \*To increase support for children coping with complex life situations such as abuse, neglect, and out of home placement.
- \*To support concurrent foster and kinship families in providing high quality care for children.
- \*To provide support and education for birth families and encourage their active participation in the development of permanency plans for their children.
- \*To assist birth families in achieving their service

### Home-based services for children include:

- Individual and family counseling
- Therapeutic groups
- Case management and service linkage
- Recreational activities

### Home-based services for families include:

- Individual, family, and couples counseling
- Support and education
- Advocacy and referral
- Case management and service linkage
- Recreational activities

### Services for foster families include:

- Individualized, home-based support and education
- Support and education groups
- Recreational activities

### Who is eligible?

- \*Children who are involved with the state child welfare system and placed in foster care, along with their birth or foster families.
- \*The program is statewide and serves children ages 0-18.
- \*Birth families working toward reunification.
- \*All parties must be open to concurrent planning.
- \*Foster/kinship families that are willing to be a permanent resource for children placed with them.
- \* Certain services may be provided through individual insurance.

### Referrals:

Referrals can come from DCYF caseworkers and supervisors. To make a referral, contact any member of the Permanency team at 401-276-4300.