



Adoption Support Services

Adoption is a Lifelong Process—Hillside Adoption Support Services provide information, referral, education, counseling, and support to birth parents, children, youth, and prospective adoptive parents. We facilitate permanent caring relationships for children within families. Hillside provides support to birth parents, adopted individuals, and adoptive parents before and after adoption finalization. No matter where you are in the adoption process, you can turn to Hillside for compassionate, nondirective advice and support.

Our Commitment—Hillside Family of Agencies believes that every youth deserves permanency and has the right to have a safe, loving family. We promote honest communication about intentions and respect for decisions. Providing a safe environment and meeting the needs of the child are paramount.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Specific programs offered include:

- **Adoption of Waiting Children** – provides preparation/training, home studies, post-placement visits, adoption finalization reports, coordination of services with placement agency for families interested in adopting children currently receiving services within Hillside’s system of care or in the NYS child welfare system.
- **Wendy’s Wonderful Kids** – sponsored by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, this program focuses on finding families for children in New York State who have been freed for adoption.
- **Post Adoption Services** – offered for families in the process of adopting and for families who have finalized their adoptions in Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Steuben, Tioga and Wyoming County. Erie County Adoption Resource Center (ECARC) is a pre- thru post-adoptive service to support families in Erie County in all stages of their adoption process. The Regional Permanency Resource Centers of Greater Rochester and the Southern Tier provide one-to-one and group support services to both adoptive families as well as families who have been granted legal guardianship of a child/youth.
- **Adoption Information Registry** – If you are adopted, or if you placed a child for adoption, or if you are the biological sibling of an adopted person, you may wish to learn more about your birth family. Hillside can assist you in connecting with the New York State Health Department Adoption Registry.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- To learn more, contact Hillside’s program staff at adoption@hillside.com; or our Integration team, 24 hours/day, at 585-256-7500 or integrationctr@hillside.com.
- Director, Institute for Family Connections: Marsha Whitley, 315-952-1084 or mwhitley@hillside.com.
- Community Based Supervisor: Barbara Borick, 585-355-8113 or bborick@hillside.com

FACILITY

- Rochester: 1 Mustard Street, Rochester NY 14609
- Buffalo: 70 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo NY 14214
- Syracuse: 215 Wyoming Street, Syracuse NY 13204
- Southern Tier Office: 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility varies for each program; please contact Hillside at 585-256-7500 for details.

RESIDENTS OF

Hillside's adoption services support residents of the following counties: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Seneca, Steuben and Wyoming. For a list of counties served by our Post-Adoption program, see "About the Service," above.

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