



Child Focused Adoption Services

Hillside Children's Center

Child Focused Adoption Services is guided by a service philosophy that establishes the **child** as the primary focus of the service, is culturally grounded, provides a logical and specific approach to those receiving adoption services, and is based on program goals and best practice. Hillside Children's Center operates under the philosophy that:

All youth deserve permanency. We believe that each child has the right and potential to have a safe, loving, forever family and that every child is "adoptable".

We are committed to collaborative relationships with families, professionals, and communities, to create a sense of urgency in providing permanence for all freed youth. Permanence includes legalized adoption and/or a life long commitment to a family relationship.

We will promote honest communication about intentions and respect for decisions. Providing a safe environment and meeting the needs of the child are paramount.

Long term success requires that we provide fact based information throughout the adoption process, pre-adoptive training for families and children, and post adoption support.

Adoption is permanent, irrevocable, and lifelong.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

- The Child Focused Adoption program is intended for those interested in providing a forever home for a child aged 8 and above and who is freed for adoption by their Child Welfare agency. The primary focus of the program is to find a permanent home for youth in New York State and for youth who are receiving Hillside services. However, we can assist with the adoption of youth in other states too. These children are in need of a family that is patient, understanding, structured and willing to provide the extra time needed for counseling, school meetings etc. The children have a history of trauma and consequently need parent(s) willing to understand the "language" of their behaviors.
- The Adoption Case Manager at Hillside assists with matching a child who's needs will best be met by the strengths and characteristics of the family looking to adopt. In addition, Hillside will work with the child's case worker to determine if a particular match is appropriate, assist in transition planning and the move home, and supervise the placement once the child has moved into the prospective adoptive parents home. Our service philosophy is centered on the child's stability and permanency.

The Child Focused Adoption Program services includes

- Education about the adoption process
- Certification process through either Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training or Deciding Together Training curriculum
- Home Study
- Home Safety Inspection
- Help in identifying the right child(ren) that the family will be best for
- Support and counseling throughout the process
- Post-placement services
- Required family supervision throughout the adoption process
- Updates of home study and clearances, as required
- Ongoing training and support
- Coordination of community services, as needed
- Lifelong resource and support for adoptive parents and children
- Coordination of all court-required documentation, as required for Finalization

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Prospective adoptive parents must meet the minimum requirements outlined in New York State Domestic Relations Law, Sections 10 and 115(a) and New York State Regulations of the Department of Social Services, Title 18 NYCRR 421. (ICA 1.01)

Adoption services welcomes those wishing to build a family by adoption, and does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, age, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or other cultural differences.

If interested, a one on one meeting can be arranged to learn more about the Child Focused Adoption program.

RESIDENTS OF

Services are available in the Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo areas. Please call or email for additional information.

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