



Wendy's Wonderful Kids- Child Focused Recruitment

Hillside Children's Center

Wendy's Wonderful Kids is the signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is driven by a single goal: finding loving, adoptive homes for the children who have been in foster care the longest. It is North America's only national nonprofit charity dedicated solely to finding permanent homes for the more than 130,000 children in foster care.

Hillside's Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters are able to receive referrals on children in New York State who would benefit from having additional help in finding them a forever home. The WWK recruiters use a child-focused recruitment model that includes: initial referral, relationship building with youth, case record review, assessment of adoption readiness, adoption preparation, network building, diligent search and recruitment plan.

Over the last 25 years of the WWK program there have been more than 7000 youth adopted.

"Unadoptable" is unacceptable.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Activities of The Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter and implementation of the WWK Child Focused Recruitment Model:

- Recruit new WWK Referrals
- Meet with Child's Caseworker
- Conduct an Initial Meeting with the Child
- Build and maintain a trusting relationship with child by meeting with the child at least one time a month
- Conduct a Case Record Review
- Assess the child's adoption readiness
- Assist with child with preparing for Adoption
- Network-building for The Child
- Develop a Child Specific Recruitment Plan
- Conduct a Diligent Search of potential resources
- Identify potential resources
- Placement of child in pre-adoptive home
- Support throughout the placement process until Finalization of the adoption



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Children are eligible for the Wendy's Wonderful Kids child-focused recruitment services if they are in the public foster care system, are in the process of being freed for adoption or have been freed for adoption, or have a permanency planning goal of adoption. The child may also be in another planned permanent living arrangement (**APPLA**) status. All youth must be referred to the program by their county of origin.

RESIDENTS OF

The WWK Recruiter can accept referrals from Onondaga, Monroe, Allegany and Steuben Counties.

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