

Adoption Forum

Adoption Support Services hosts a monthly support group on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Addington Hall in Duffield, Va. The support group is open to parents, professionals and anyone who works with foster or adopted children.

Participants are connected to community resources and receive training, support and information on permanency and the benefits of adoption. Adoptive parents are surrounded by others who can relate on a personal level and can provide understanding and support. Dinner and childcare are provided.



Adoption Facts

Virginia Statistics

- 4,302 Children under 18 in Foster Care
- 1,437 Virginia Children with a Goal of Adoption
- 346 children currently in Pre-adoptive Placement

Nationwide

- More than 250,000 children in the U.S. enter the foster care system every year.
- There are 104,000 children waiting to be adopted.
- 20,000 children age out of the foster care system without being adopted.



Post Adoption Services

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During Adoption

You May Need These Services

We provide services you may need during adoption, including:

- Assessments
- Clinical Services
- Parent Trainings
- Support Groups
- Respite
- Community Outreach
- Trained Community Professionals: Adoption Competent trained staff and clinicians
- Crisis Intervention: 24/7 availability of trained crisis professional

Assessment & Referral

Post Adoption Services provides assessments and a referral process through trained community professionals to offer adoptive families accurate information and options for continued support and care.

The adoptive child's needs are discovered through the assessment process and the family is then referred to suitable wrap-around services to enrich permanency and the child/parent bond.



Adoption Competent Professionals Clinical Services

Adoptive families and children are linked with a range of wrap-around services to strengthen permanency. Adoption Competent staff focus on some of the common issues surrounding adoption by emphasizing the role of adults in acceptance, understanding, and supporting the child through the child/parent relationship. These proven clinical techniques can be easily replicated in the home setting.

Parent Education & Training

Frontier Health Adoption Services professionals are educated and trained with current adoption competent techniques to provide modern, practical applications for successful permanency.

Adoption Services professionals provide trainings to the adoptive family through monthly support groups, clinical services, and free online training geared toward the family's scheduling demands. The trainings provide methods and skills that can be easily utilized by the adoptive family.

Support Networks

Support is a vital part of the adoption process. Support groups can provide a powerful source of information, socialization, and community support that offers families understanding and validation for questions/issues that can occur.

Post Adoption support groups offer specific lectures, guest speakers and education on adoption-specific needs and allows parents an open forum to discuss needs, knowledge and experiences.

Meetings are open ended to allow new members at any time.



Respite/Community Outreach

Respite services allow adoptive families' community support that can provide respite if/when families are in need. If a crisis occurs, intervention and respite care can be provided if needed to maintain the adoptive placement.

Respite homes have been trained through specific crisis and therapeutic methods. Community "respite days" for families are available with planned activities and childcare to allow parents personal time.