



How do I make a referral?

Call the SWAN Helpline at
1-800-585-SWAN.

Helpline staff will explain the services, and direct you to an agency in your area.

A caseworker from the agency you choose will visit your home to complete an assessment and talk with the entire family to build on family strengths. He or she will then recommend the best possible services for your family.

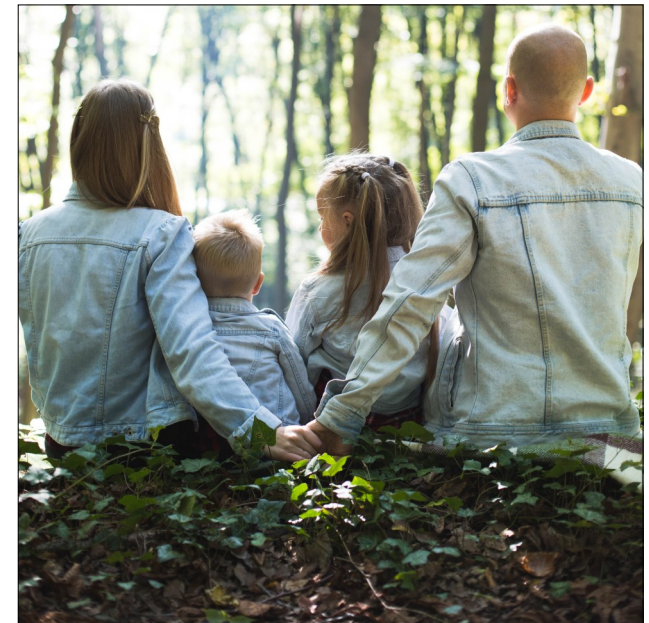


Children's Aid Society was founded in 1890 and currently offers the following programs:

Real Relationships	2016
Triple P-Positive Parenting Program	2015
In-Home Services	2012
Relatives As Parents Program	2010
Pre-K Counts	2007
Foster Care	2002
Clearfield Elementary Care	1998
Nurturing Parenting Program	1995
Childcare	1989
Adoption	1985
Youth Mentoring	1985

The mission of Children's Aid Society is to provide services to improve the quality of life of children and families.

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Post-Permanency Services

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What are post-permanency services?

All Pennsylvania families who are permanent or subsidized legal guardians, fit and willing relatives, or domestic or international (private or public) adoptive families are eligible for post-permanency services. Services are ongoing prevention services that enhance permanency and support the families.

Case advocacy:

Case advocacy is designed to provide support for families. Families can determine how much support is necessary for their individual needs. The case advocate will communicate with the family on a regular basis and provide ongoing support. The advocate can also assist the family by attending meetings or referring them to other services in the community that might be helpful to their family.

Respite services:

Respite services support the family by developing resources that help alleviate the pressures of parenting special needs children. Children's Aid Society will offer the families respite resources.

Respite resources can be for a day, an evening, or a weekend. This service can occur in the family's own home or outside the home. This is a decision families can make with the respite provider.

Respite resources will provide a safe environment for the adopted child while the parents take some time for themselves.



Support group:

The support group service is designed to ensure that families are supported by building relationships with other adoptive and foster families, forming a community of support and mentoring.

Children's Aid Society offers a monthly support group. **We meet the third Monday of the month from 6-8 p.m.** We provide a light meal and child care. While attending the support group, families have the opportunity to connect with other adoptive and foster families and obtain information, educational materials and share valuable life experiences.

Children's Aid Society's Adoption & Foster Care Program is also available to offer phone support, email support, or a cup of coffee at the nearest café.

About the program:

Children's Aid Society began its adoption program in 1985. We offer a full range of services to perspective adoptive families in thirteen counties within central and western Pennsylvania.

Services include:

- Birth parent counseling
- SWAN (State-Wide Adoption and Permanency Network) orientation
- Adoption classes
- Preparation of home study
- Networking with placement agencies
- Preparation of child profiles
- Child preparation services
- Post-placement supervision
- Finalization services
- International placement help
- Child specific recruitment
- Post permanency services

Children's Aid Society charges reasonable fees as services are rendered. The SWAN program may underwrite the costs of certain adoptive services.

Post-permanency services are funded by
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