

ADOPTION: A LIFELINE TO A CHILD'S FUTURE

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A SPECIAL CHILD NEEDS A PERMANENT HOME.

TheVillage's Adoption Program helps connect children to their forever families. Experienced case managers help find a nurturing and caring forever family for each child. Ongoing case management services are provided after placement ensuring a successful adoption.



There are children of all ages who want and need a permanent home. The primary goal is to help each child achieve a permanent, loving home that gives him or her the best opportunity to find a successful path to adulthood. While the goal is reunification with the biological family once the family's problems have been resolved, sometimes this is not possible because parents are unavailable or unable to properly care for their children. We work with the social welfare and legal systems to ensure steady and deliberate progress for each child toward that permanent home that ensures safety and future.

Children available for adoption are all ages, infant to adolescent. Just as one's biological children often need help with medical and mental health professionals to succeed, children coming into the adoption process may need these services as well to overcome the traumas they have experienced.

PREPARING THE CHILD

TheVillage adoption case managers prepare a comprehensive review of the child's emotional, social, and medical history. This child profile is used to recruit families appropriate for a particular child through the Child Specific Recruitment (CSR) method. This approach results in identifying the best child-family match.

Working with a child who has been through abrupt changes and unsafe experiences in his/her life takes patience, dedication, and commitment. Our case manager works intensively with the child to help him/her make sense of past events, understand important facts about his/her background, and prepare him/her for a positive future. Through child preparation services, the case manager helps the child construct a scrapbook to recreate an important sense of past as an essential step toward moving into a new and exciting chapter of his/her life.

TheVillage offers a 10-week intensive therapeutic curriculum to help the child and family understand matters related to placement, including what to expect from the ongoing impact of abuse, neglect, separation, and trauma that led to the child's need to find an adoptive family.

PREPARING THE FAMILY

One of the first steps is to create a family profile, a written document that describes the attributes of the family who wants to adopt. This helps the adoption professionals to work toward a good match. Case management services continue once the child has been placed with the adoptive family, ensuring success as everyone works toward finalization. Your adoption case manager assists the family in their search to become a forever family for a child.

Taking the First Step... and Many More.

- Preparation of child profiles
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- Child matching services
- Orientation and on-going training
- Child preparatory services
- Completion of legal paperwork
- Child Specific Recruitment (CSR) services
- Coordination of adoption finalization
- Post-adoption services



EVIDENCE-BASED, TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

- S** **SAFETY**
What do I need to feel safe?
- E** **EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT**
How do I control my emotions?
- L** **LOSS**
How do I deal with the loss I feel?
- F** **FUTURE**
What are my goals for the future?

TheVillage, a leader in trauma-informed care, utilizes the Sanctuary Model as a framework for healing. This model focuses treatment around the concept of “SELF.”

Using the Sanctuary Model and trauma-informed interventions as a guide for all activities, case managers work with their clients to confront their trauma and learn to cope with and move beyond it to focus on healthy choices and the hope for a brighter future. Within this framework, the Adoption department offers a variety of services to help your children and their families.

Adoption is a big step—for the child and for the entire adopting family. Professionals at theVillage work closely with both to ensure successful transitions.

TheVillage is licensed as an adoption agency with the State of Pennsylvania and affiliated with the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). TheVillage offers services in Delaware, Montgomery, Chester, Bucks, and Philadelphia counties. We offer a continuum of services that help children connect with forever families, including behavioral health outpatient services, foster care, parent education, and post-permanency services for children and families. Our programs are evidence-based and reflect best practices in our field. TheVillage is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified by the Sanctuary Institute. Both achievements are a demonstration of our commitment to the highest clinical standards and to methods that have shown long-term success in resolving trauma.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I begin?

Contact theVillage Adoption Department to start the conversation. Call (215) 730-2240 or email adoption@village1877.org.

I am/we are very interested. How do I know if my family can handle adoption?

This is a very normal concern. We have helped many families and children complete successful adoptions—or conclude that this isn’t right for them. The best approach is to explore your interest with one of our case workers who has worked with many children and families.

Who is eligible to adopt?

Just as the spectrum of biological parents is quite vast, so is the range of adoptive families. If you are interested, we encourage you to take the first step and explore the possibilities.

Are services available to help us after the adoption is final?

Your case manager is available for a short time to assist with the transition. TheVillage is part of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN), which makes additional services available to adopting families through childhood. To request post-permanency services contact the SWAN hotline at (800) 585-7926.

Call today to learn more about theVillage’s Adoption Services. Our experienced staff is here to answer all of your questions.

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theVillage: Hope in Action since 1877

The work we do here at theVillage makes a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

Founded in 1877, theVillage is committed to reaching the most vulnerable children and families in our communities and delivering assistance that lasts. Through trust, compassion, commitment, and faith, we work with children and families to focus on the future—defining their unique goals and paving the specific steps needed to achieve those goals with stability and wholeness. We are persistent in the face of major challenges, assisting our clients to overcome trauma and a spectrum of circumstances arising from poverty, mental illness, addiction, and abuse.

We are hope in action, healing in purpose, organized around evidence-based, innovative practices, in collaboration with individuals, families, and communities.

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