



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

People have many different reasons for wanting to adopt a child, from the desire to expand their family, to the wish to nurture a child who cannot be raised by his or her birth parents.

By providing a loving and stable family life, you can help a vulnerable child heal from the wounds of a traumatic past and start on the path to a hopeful future.

Children's Aid and Family Services is here to guide and support you through every step of the adoption journey. **Since 1899, we've placed more than 10,000 infants and children with loving adoptive families.**



HOW TO BECOME AN ADOPTIVE PARENT

Please call one of our family recruiters to find out more about becoming an adoptive parent at 201-226-0300 or 973-763-2041 or e-mail recruitment@cafsnj.org. Our family recruiter will personally help you with any questions you may have about our adoption services.

ABOUT CHILDREN'S AID AND FAMILY SERVICES

Children's Aid and Family Services is one of northern New Jersey's leading non-profit human services agencies. Since 1899, we have built better lives for tens of thousands of disadvantaged children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned.



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Adoption

A LABOR OF LOVE...
FOR A LIFETIME OF LOVE



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GROWING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION

If you're considering adoption, Children's Aid and Family Services' family recruiters can help. We work closely with adoptive parents, helping them to develop their unique parenting skills and their understanding of the sometimes complex needs of adoptive children. We provide support throughout the entire adoption process and after the adoption is finalized.

OUR WAITING CHILDREN



We find loving permanent families for younger children through older teenagers. The older children in our care have often experienced abuse, neglect, trauma and multiple moves.

They may have behavioral or emotional challenges as a result. It takes a special kind of love to help them overcome their past. They need loving, stable families who can provide for their emotional, physical and educational needs.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Our adoptive parents come from all walks of life. They may be younger or older, have birth children, or be single or married. It's our belief that people can be wonderful adoptive parents regardless of their marital status, sexual orientation, income or age. They all have in common the capacity to love, support and care for a child with special emotional and behavioral needs.



WHAT OUR ADOPTIVE PARENTS ARE SAYING:

“Our family recruiter helped us so much during the adoption process. She always communicated with us quickly and helped put our minds at ease. We knew we could call her anytime.”

~ Jane and Mike

“We work together well as a team. We want our lives to be about nurturing children.”

~ Sonya and Dennis

“I would recommend adopting older children because they have such personality, and a rich history. They have so much to give; age should never be a factor in determining love for a child. It's not really about what I've gained from becoming an adoptive father, but what I would have lost if I didn't become one.”

~ Saul

HELPING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES STAY STRONG

Adoption is a life-changing experience for both the parents and the child. We believe families thrive when they have support during the challenging times that may occur. We offer the following services for adoptive families:

Post-Adoption Counseling Services are available to any family that resides in Bergen, Passaic or Essex Counties and has an adopted child under the age of 21. Sometimes, children who have been adopted need help coping with issues that are related to their unique birth circumstances and past traumatic experiences. Services may include individual, family therapy, counseling, support groups and educational meetings.

New Jersey Adoption Resources Clearing House (NJ*ARCH)

The statewide one-stop resource for those touched by adoption and families interested in adoption. Resources include support groups, warm line, lending library and referrals. Visit www.njarch.org for more information.

Support for Adoptive Parents

You're taking on a critical role by helping a child in need of a loving family. Children's Aid and Family Services is committed to your success and will provide guidance and support every step of the way. Our family recruiter can tell you more about the specific financial and support services offered to adoptive parents.

