



**Foster Care**

**Adelphoi** 

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## What is Foster Parenting?

Adelphoi's foster care program is a family-based resource that allows youth who have been referred by the courts to grow and develop in a family environment until they can return home or to another permanent family. Professional casework services are provided to each youth in foster care and their foster family.

There are several options available for families wanting to provide foster care:

**Specialized Foster Care:** Provided for youth with a wide variety of special needs, including but not limited to: social/emotional problems, delinquent behaviors, histories of physical, emotional or sexual issues, and sibling groups.

**Intensive Foster Care:** Placement is provided for youth who have more intensive problems. Increased supervision and interventions for youth provided by the foster family and outside resources are utilized based upon the needs of the youth. This level of care also provides for increased visitation.

**Pregnant and Parenting Care:** Parenting Care is a specialized foster home program designed to assist teenage mothers and their children, as well as expectant mothers in a family setting. Parenting, education, and monitoring of parenting skills are provided.

**Respite Care:** Respite care is short-term placement on weekends or holidays.

**Kinship Care:** All kinship referrals are assessed at admissions and placed in program according to needs.



## Who are our foster/adoptive parents?

The men and women who act as foster parents are a diverse group but unified by a common goal – to provide a caring and nurturing environment for the children placed in their care. Some foster parents are married while others are single, divorced or widowed. Biological children live with some of the foster parents, while others have never had children of their own.

## Who are our foster children?

The children in foster care are referred by county agencies when it is determined that a home environment has become unsafe for the children. There may be drug/alcohol abuse, violence, sexual/emotional abuse, or neglect. Some children enter foster care when a family member who has acted as a caregiver is no longer able to continue care.

The children in foster care attend public schools, participate in sports, activities, and attend church and family functions just like any other child. Including the foster child in all areas of family life instills a sense of belonging and normalcy.

## Benefits

Adelphoi has been placing foster kids successfully for over 40 years and providing adoption placement for 16 years. In order to attract and retain loving, stable families, Adelphoi provides a number of tangible benefits to families and the youth in their care.



**Daily Reimbursement:** A daily reimbursement is offered to each family who fosters a youth. The amount varies depending on the services that the youth requires.

**Clothing Reimbursement:** An initial clothing allotment is offered to families to assist with the initial clothing needs of the child.

**Medical:** All medical needs and services incurred by the youth are covered by health insurance.

**Training:** Adelphoi conducts a family preparation program, as well as ongoing trainings, that provide parents with the knowledge and resources necessary to deal with children's issues.

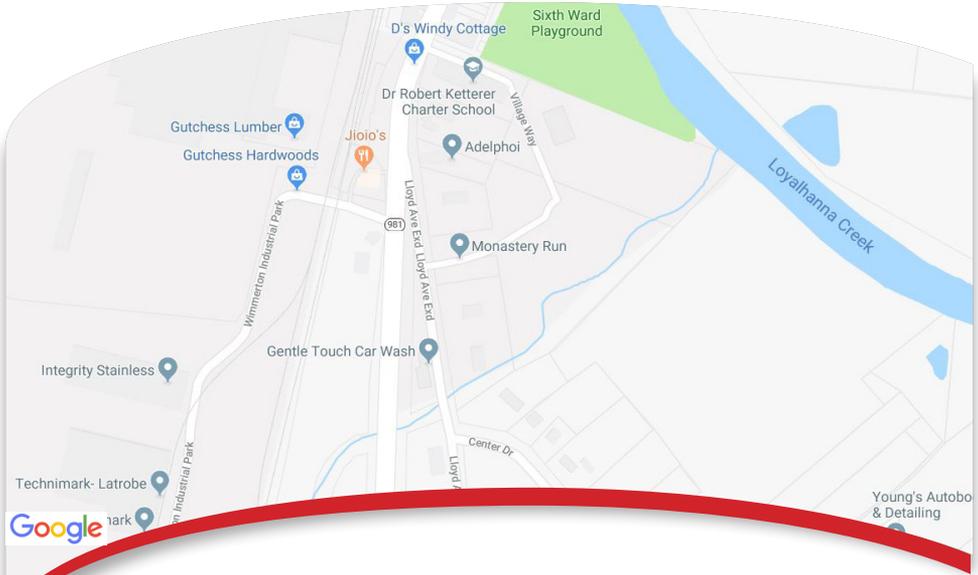
**Support:** Adelphoi provides ongoing support and case management from caring Adelphoi staff, including a 24-hour on-call service. You become part of a team that is working toward the best possible outcome for your foster child.

**Foster Parent Association:** A support group is provided that is organized to encourage interaction among Adelphoi foster families and their foster children. The group assists in organizing activities, and their fundraising efforts support annual scholarships for graduating foster care seniors, attendance fees for events, and Christmas gifts for all foster children.

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## Why should I choose Adelphoi foster care?

- Our compassionate and dedicated staff and foster families restore a sense of hope and stability in the lives of the youth they work with.
- Our "out of care" success and stability rate for youth after discharge is notably high.
- Our scholarship funds are impressive. Our foster care alumni have received over \$40,000 in scholarships.
- Our aftercare and alumni programs offer preparation groups, post-care, follow-up, and post-discharge support.



## About Adelphoi

Adelphoi is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a continuum of quality services to children, youth, and families. Headquartered in Latrobe, PA, Adelphoi has programs in 30 counties, serving nearly 1,000 youth and families on a daily basis and over 2,500 children annually. Adelphoi's vast continuum of care includes group homes, a Charter School, foster and adoption services, education programs, mental health services, after-school programs, in-home services, shelter care, multisystemic therapy, and secure care.

Adelphoi has over 700 employees and assists persons and communities in need from over 60 counties throughout the Commonwealth, as well as from Ohio and Delaware. Adelphoi's mission: Offering outcome-based solutions for abused, neglected, delinquent and other at-risk children and their families through a continuum of treatment and education services that provide a foundation of hope for the future.

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