What is Child Prep?

The goal of our Child Prep is to help children resolve losses in their lives and establish healthy relationships. Any Children and Youth referred dependent child is eligible to benefit from this service. We strive to provide lessons to help the children determine who their support system is in regard to friends, family, and professionals. Each session, the client will be focused on the 3-5-7 model as well as addressing goals and CORE issues.

The Child Prep sessions are provided individually or in a group setting. This determination is made at the initial baseline meeting by our Child Prep caseworker. It is based on location of the child, assessment of readiness for permanency, resolution of the child’s grief and loss, issues of attachment development, and primarily on the child’s ability to engage in preparation activities in a group setting. There are 10-12 sessions over a six month period of time.

Child Specific Recruitment (CSR)

This service is provided for all children who need a family or a permanent resource. With our CSR work, we are finding permanent homes for these children. Through CSR, an Adelphoi caseworker uses various techniques to match a child with a waiting family or find permanent resources for the youth.

Child Profiles

The child profile is a thorough review and assessment of the child’s life. The document is confidential and provides a prospective family with valuable information regarding the child. This document can also be used later in life by the child to clarify their past. A worker meets with the child, county worker, foster care workers, past foster families, current foster/adopt families, teachers, medical providers, etc. to gain the best possible information to paint a picture of who the child is, and where she/he has been.

Family Profiles

The family profile process is required for any family adopting a child within the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network. The process is identical for pre-adoptive families and foster families waiting to adopt and includes an orientation, application, interviews, submission of documentation (i.e. health statement, clearances, etc.), and family preparation trainings. A family profile can also be completed for kinship families and PLC families (Permanent Legal Custodian).
Post-Permanency

Adelphoi offers this unit of service to aid adoptive families and adoptive children if they are experiencing difficulties or are looking for support after an adoption has been finalized. A caseworker from Adelphoi will assess and work with the family to ensure that they are accessing the services that will meet their needs and support permanency. The adoptive family can request Post-Permanency services by calling the SWAN helpline at 1-800-585-SWAN.

Placement

This service is utilized to help make matches between waiting families and waiting children. This includes coordinating visits, supervising visits, assessing how the visits went, and determining if there is a match for permanency.

Finalization

This service is provided to a family and youth who are waiting for adoption. This provides six months of supervision, making sure all the needs of the youth and family are met and the family is ready for a successful adoption and life together.

Services are offered at the following sites:

Westmoreland Region
1011 Old Salem Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

Williamsport Region
1965 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport, PA 17701

Blair Region
Gables Building, Suite 108, 1331 12th Ave., Altoona PA 16601

Bradford Region
7 A Poplar Street, Towanda, PA 18848

Huntington Region
10526 Fairgrounds Rd., Huntingdon, PA 16652
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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