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Dear Fellow Pennsylvanian:

I am pleased to present the 2009 Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange Annual Report, a publication highlighting the successes we have achieved in our efforts to provide safety and support for children in our communities.

This year, we have an especially high note documented in this report. In all, there were 2,175 adoptions of children from foster care that were finalized in Pennsylvania last year – the highest number of children adopted since the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network program began in 1992. Over that time frame, our comprehensive efforts have enabled more than 28,000 children to be adopted.

In 2008, Pennsylvania was one of six states competitively selected to participate in the National Governor's Association Policy Academy in order to safely reduce the number of children in care, decrease the length of stay for those in care, improve permanency outcomes and create a plan for sustaining these efforts.

As part of this initiative, the Department of Public Welfare is working with 16 Pennsylvania counties to facilitate the development of alternative services and strategies in order to safely reduce out-of-home care and maintain safe and nurturing environments, or to move the children to permanent homes as soon as possible. We have already seen a decrease in the number of children in foster care to 18,000 children currently from 20,000 when the program began.

Those statistics are significant and they are a testament to the hard work and dedication of thousands of individuals and organizations across the state who are dedicated to the well-being of our children. Their commitment to supporting our youth and strengthening our communities and the changes that their hard work has enabled are true examples of the possibilities for success through teamwork and compassion.

I commend them for their remarkable achievements and continuing efforts to provide a better future for our children here in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Rendell
Governor



A Message from Acting Secretary Michael Nardone:

The Department of Public Welfare's Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange Annual Report helps raise awareness about adoption in Pennsylvania and highlights the successes of the past year. In this report, those successes are particularly noteworthy and encouraging, as they are the direct result of concerted efforts to implement innovative policy changes in our child welfare system. We are on the right track, and we are proud of the benchmarks that have been met.

We can proudly say that in 2009 we broke a record for the highest number of adoptions for any year since the 1992 inception of the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, with 2,175 adoptions finalized. This represents an increase of 121 over the previous year and 110 over the next highest year, 2004-05.

Despite decreases in federal funding, we made a commitment in 2009 to increase the number of youth aging out of foster care who receive Education and Training Grants for post-secondary education. Our goal was to add 27 recipients in order to reach 600; instead, we exceeded our target by adding nearly 50 recipients.

As part of the National Governor's Association Policy Academy effort, we also have seen decreases in the number of children in foster care and a 10 percent decrease in out-of-home placements over the past two years.

With the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, we are working with the Permanency Practice Initiative to reduce the number of youth ages birth to eighteen in non-permanent care.

We are working to offer statewide training for the Family Finding process, a comprehensive strategy using intensive searches to locate all possible family placements for a child.

These programs, and other innovative policy initiatives under way across the Commonwealth, represent a benchmark in child welfare services. They would not be possible without the compassionate, dedicated individuals who make up the varied pieces of the child welfare system across Pennsylvania. To those whose efforts make children's lives better and their futures brighter, I extend a heartfelt thank you and I commend you for your continued service and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Nardone". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Nardone
Acting Secretary





Introduction

Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, SWAN

The Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network works to find permanent homes for children in Pennsylvania's foster care system. The network is recognized nationally for its accomplishments in helping these children find families.

SWAN helps implement the permanency process by coordinating the work of the various professionals who help foster children find permanent homes. The network is led by the Department of Public Welfare, DPW, and is composed of: a prime contractor; county children and youth agencies; public and private child welfare agencies; organizations; advocates; attorneys; family court, foster, kinship, permanent legal custodianship and adoptive parents; and others who recognize that all children need and deserve permanent loving homes.

SWAN requires that families whose profiles are paid by the prime contractor be registered with the Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange.

Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange, PAE

The Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange, established in 1979, has played a key role in Pennsylvania's adoption system for the past 30 years. PAE provides adoption matching services for children:

- Who are legally free for 90 days and have no report of intent to adopt; and/or
- For whom termination of parental rights is being pursued.

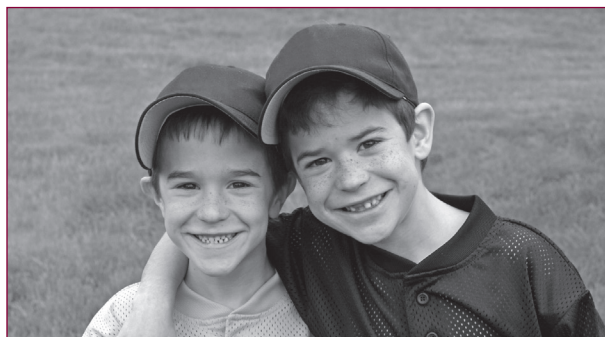
Services provided by PAE include registering children and families in the database so electronic matching can be performed, referring potential matches to the child's and the family's agencies, and providing training for workers and families at SWAN/Independent Living quarterly meetings and conferences.

The children served by PAE often face challenges, such as a history of abuse and neglect, multiple placement history, drug and alcohol exposure, special education needs, emotional disturbance, mental retardation, special medical care, physical disability, and runaway history. These children often face more than one of these challenges.

The data contained in this report reflects information about the children and families served by PAE from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009. Pennsylvania had 2,175 adoptions finalized in federal fiscal year 2009, which ran from Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009. Of these finalizations, 1,385 were children registered with PAE. (Not all children who are adopted require PAE's services.)

Registering Children and Families

PAE accepts registration of waiting children from Pennsylvania's county children and youth agencies and from private adoption agencies. PAE also accepts registrations from agency-approved adoptive families, regardless of the state where the adoptive family lives. This policy helps Pennsylvania meet the Adoption and Safe Family Act requirements to eliminate all geographic boundaries that may hinder permanency for a child. SWAN policy requires that all waiting families who receive family profiles through the prime contractor be registered with PAE to maximize the opportunity for these waiting children to find a family. A search of the database is made for each child and family.





Referrals for Waiting Children

PAE makes referrals for potential matches for Pennsylvania's waiting children with registered families. Using demographic and behavioral characteristics, computer-suggested "matches" between registered children and families are forwarded to their respective agencies. Telephone and internet inquiries received from families or adoption caseworkers about specific children or families are also forwarded to the appropriate agency for potential matching.

Training and Recruitment at SWAN/ Independent Living Quarterly Meetings and Conferences

PAE provides education and training to permanency professionals at SWAN/ Independent Living quarterly meetings and the SWAN/Independent Living Annual Permanency Conference. PAE's training and recruitment initiatives include:

- Assisting agencies to develop recruitment tools, such as posters and child biographies with color photos;
- Assisting with computer searches for suggested matches;
- Providing children's posters for local community recruitment;
- Contributing articles to the SWAN/ Independent Living Network News and the Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association's newsletter;
- Showcasing waiting children on the PAE Web site, www.adoptpakids.org;
- Providing photo listing books of Pennsylvania's waiting children to more than 230 agencies;
- Participating in initiatives sponsored by the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids;
- Facilitating Val's Kids, a news segment on an ABC affiliate that profiles children awaiting adoption;
- Facilitating matching events at the annual permanency conference; and
- Assisting agencies with local recruitment efforts.

Adoption Medical History Registry, AMHR

Pennsylvania was the first state in the nation to allow birth parents to voluntarily submit important genetic and other medically relevant information to adoptees born within the state. The AMHR was created in 1997 to meet amendments to the adoption law enacted by Act 76 of 1995, P.L. 685. The registry serves both birth parents who gave birth in Pennsylvania and then relinquished a child for adoption and Pennsylvania-born adoptees.

The Department of Public Welfare has developed procedures and forms for birth parents and adoptees to register with the AMHR. Birth parents whose parental rights were terminated may register and update medical history information for themselves and their family members. Information is released to the adoptee when they request it, while ensuring that confidential information, such as the name of the birth parent, is not released. Because the registry is voluntary to birth parents, the AMHR will not have medical information on all Pennsylvania-born adoptees.

2009 Statistical Information:

- 29 new birth parents were registered in 2009
- 729 birth parents have registered since 1997
- 113 new adoptees registered and inquired about medical history in 2009
- 2,494 adoptees have registered since 1997

Resource Family Registry, RFR

On Nov. 30, 2004, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell signed House Bill 2308 into law. This amendment to The Child Protective Services Law, CPSL, known as Act 160 of 2004, went into effect on Jan. 29, 2005. Act 160 of 2004 establishes a Resource Family Registry in which all foster and adoptive parent applicants must be registered. Act 160 of 2004 added the following definition to the CPSL: *Resource family. A family which provides temporary foster or kinship care for children who need out-of-home placement and may eventually provide permanency for those children, including an adoptive family.* Act 160 of 2004 also establishes additional requirements relating to the approval of resource families.



Act 160 of 2004 requires more extensive criminal and child abuse checks on all adults living in a resource family's home, as well as a more detailed history about the applicants.

As we continue to promote the concept of resource families in Pennsylvania, we continue to see a trend that foster parents are the primary adopters of children in their care who become available for adoption.

The RFR is maintained by the Department of Public Welfare. Currently, support for the RFR is provided by the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network's prime contract with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries in partnership with Family Design Resources. A total of 52,830 applicants have been registered with the RFR. Of that total, 13,820 applied for adoption, 34,617 applied for foster care and 8,674 applied for kinship care. The Office of Children, Youth and Families Bulletin #00-03-03, Kinship Care Policy, defines Kinship Care as: *The full-time nurturing and protection of a child who is separated from his/her parents and placed in the home of a caregiver who has an existing relationship with the child and/or the child's family.* The existing relationship involves one of the following characteristics:

- Relative of the child through blood or marriage;
- Godparent of the child as recognized by an organized church;
- Member of the child's tribe or clan; or
- Significant positive relationship with the child or the child's family.

SWAN Helpline: 1-800-585-7926 (SWAN)

The toll-free SWAN Helpline, 1-800-585-7926, began in 1996 to respond to inquiries about adoption. Today, the SWAN Helpline is a central pathway for SWAN's outreach efforts to families, often serving as the first point of contact for inquiring parents and potential adoptive and foster families. The Helpline averages 249 calls per week, with higher volumes during media campaigns. Calls are fielded by a team of information and permanency referral specialists. In addition to answering incoming calls, the specialists also make follow-up calls to families

who have requested additional support in the permanency process, provide callers with informational SWAN Family Packets and make referrals to other agencies.

2009 Statistical Information:

- Total Calls – 12,924
- Incoming Calls – 5,911
 - o Calls made by prospective adoptive parents – 1,539
 - o Callers who learned of SWAN through television or radio – 253
- Outgoing Calls – 7,013
 - o Follow-up calls made by Helpline – 3,745
 - o SWAN Family Packets mailed to callers – 1,438
- Referrals made to other agencies – 506





Outreach Initiatives

Media Campaign

In 2009, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network ran a targeted recruitment campaign composed of television, radio, print and online advertisements in an effort to increase awareness about the need for foster and adoptive families.

The television campaign aired on network and cable stations in the three largest Pennsylvania media markets - Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh - from Jan. 12 through April 5, rotating four weeks at a time in each market.

The radio campaign aired in the Allentown-Bethlehem, Altoona, Erie, Johnstown and Williamsport media markets from April 6 through June 28, rotating four weeks at a time in each market.



The print campaign consisted of advertisements that ran in three newspapers during the weeks of Nov. 15 and 22.

An online paid word search ran from Nov. 2 through the end of the calendar year.

Pennsylvania Heart Gallery

The Pennsylvania Heart Gallery is an exhibit highlighting the professional portraits and personal stories of children in Pennsylvania's foster care system waiting to be adopted. The gallery, developed by the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, is intended to raise awareness of the many children who are without permanent homes and to encourage Pennsylvanians to adopt them. Photographers from across the state donate their services to create portraits that spotlight each child in a personal way. Each photo is accompanied by a detailed profile of the featured child, including information about his or her interests, personality and aspirations.

The Pennsylvania Heart Gallery was unveiled on May 24, 2006, at Harrisburg's Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts and traveled across the state for a year to create awareness about adoption and finding children permanent homes. Due to its success, an additional 10 portraits of children waiting for permanent families were added to the exhibit in June 2009. The exhibit was displayed at 14 venues in 2009, including businesses, churches, malls fairs and airports. Currently, the Heart Gallery has 31 children featured from 18 Pennsylvania counties.

Thirty-five of the 114 children featured in the gallery since its inception have been placed in pre-adoptive homes, and 22 of those 35 children have had their adoptions finalized. As each child is adopted, a special sticker is placed on his or her portrait. The portraits of those children who were successfully placed will be given to their adoptive families as a keepsake.



For more information about Pennsylvania’s Heart Gallery, including information on when it will visit your area, visit www.adoptpakids.org.

Website: www.adoptpakids.org

The Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange’s website was established in 1999 as a tool to assist in matching waiting children with prospective adoptive families. Administered by DPW, the website helps eliminate geographic boundaries as it recruits families who live outside Pennsylvania. It is one of the most visited sites DPW operates.

The most popular feature of the website is the photo album of Pennsylvania’s waiting children, which features photographs and personal stories about the children and serves as a powerful recruitment tool. The website also features:

- The eight steps in the adoption process;
- Information about SWAN;
- Information about the Adoption Medical History Registry;
- Frequently asked questions about adoption;
- Information about adoption assistance; and
- Information on Post-Permanency services.

The website offers links to additional services and support group organizations, including:

- Pennsylvania State Resource Parent Association;
- National adoption organizations;
- Medical and health related links;
- Search and reunion services;
- Organizations serving families and children with challenges; and
- Additional photo listing websites.

2009 Statistical Information:

- Total site visits - 415,333

- Photo album visits - 191,912
- Heart Gallery visits - 49,381
- Average site visits per day - 1,138
- Busiest day for site visits - Tuesday
- Busiest time for site visits - 2-3 p.m.
- Most downloaded form: CY 131 Resource Family Applicant Registration/Update form

Waiting Child

KDKA’s Waiting Child segment was developed in 1982 as a child-specific recruitment tool for children in the Pittsburgh area. Lynn Hayes-Freeland, a news anchor with KDKA, a CBS affiliate, engages the featured child in an activity chosen by the child and films the child doing what he or she does best – being a kid. The segments are shown in conjunction with commercials from SWAN and Wendy’s®. Families interested in adoption are encouraged to get more information by contacting the SWAN Helpline, going to www.adoptpakids.org, or by calling Three Rivers Adoption Council at (412) 471-8722. The segment airs on the 6 p.m. news every other Tuesday, at noon the following Wednesday, and again on the Lynne Hayes-Freeland Show, which airs on Sunday mornings.



2009 Statistical Information:

- 10 children were aired on the Waiting Child segment in 2009
- Of these children, three have a family identified
- Waiting Child has a 67 percent success rate for finding families for children in western Pennsylvania
- Since the start of the program in 1982, 516 children were interviewed, and 348 children were matched and found permanent homes



Val's Kids

Val's Kids was established by SWAN in 2000 to recruit more central Pennsylvania families for specific waiting children, often teenagers. Children are taken to a favorite

location (mall, sports arena, a local park, etc.) and are video-taped doing a fun activity. Valerie Pritchett, a news anchor/reporter for WHTM abc27, a Harrisburg affiliate, talks to the children and their caseworkers about their needs, interests, what they are looking for in a family and how long they have been waiting for permanency. Valerie provides information on how to inquire about these waiting children through the website, www.adoptpakids.org, and through the SWAN Helpline at 1-800-585-SWAN. The show airs on abc27 Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and again on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

2009 Statistical Information:

- 28 children were aired on Val's Kids in 2009
- Of these children, 11 have a family identified
- Val's Kids has a 45 percent overall success rate in finding families for waiting children in central Pennsylvania
- Since the start of the program in 2000, 233 children were interviewed
 - o Adoptions were finalized for 67 of these children
 - o An additional 39 of these children were matched with adoptive families

A Little Love



On Feb. 14, 2007, WBRE-TV 28, an NBC affiliate, aired the first segment of A Little Love in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area in the northeast region of Pennsylvania. A Little Love is the third waiting child segment

funded through SWAN to help recruit families to adopt children in foster care and provide workers with an additional recruitment tool for the children they work with. A Little Love focuses on the desires and ambitions of the children featured. The host of the segment, Dia Wallace, works closely with her community and the children's caseworkers to decide on an exciting activity or event for the children to participate in for the segment. Dia takes the children's desires and ambitions and turns them into a once in a lifetime opportunity. Some activities and events that have been done with the children include: helping a veterinarian perform a minor surgery on a cat, attending minor league baseball and hockey games, being pampered at a day spa, getting guitar and singing lessons, spending the day at a water park and attending a magic show. Dia also talks with the children and their caseworkers about the child's interests and what type of family they hope to become a part of. Families interested in adopting a child featured on A Little Love or who want to learn more about adoption are encouraged to contact the SWAN Helpline at 1-800-585-SWAN. A Little Love airs on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. and again on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

2009 Statistical Information

- 10 children were aired on the A Little Love segment in 2009
- Of those 10 children, seven have a family identified
- Since the start of the program in 2007, 50 children have been featured in 47 segments
 - o 11 children have been adopted
 - o An additional 11 have been matched and placed with a permanent family
- A Little Love has a 47 percent overall success rate in finding families for waiting children in northeast Pennsylvania



Key Findings

Children Served

- 3,177 children were served in 2009 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 1,364 new child registrations were received in 2009 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 798 of the 3,177 children, or 25 percent, were age 13 to 18 (Chart 3, page 14)
- 1,024 of the 3,177 children, or 32 percent, were placed in adoptive homes in 2009 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 1,385 of the 3,177 children, or 44 percent, were finalized for adoption in 2009 (Chart 1, page 12)

Families Served

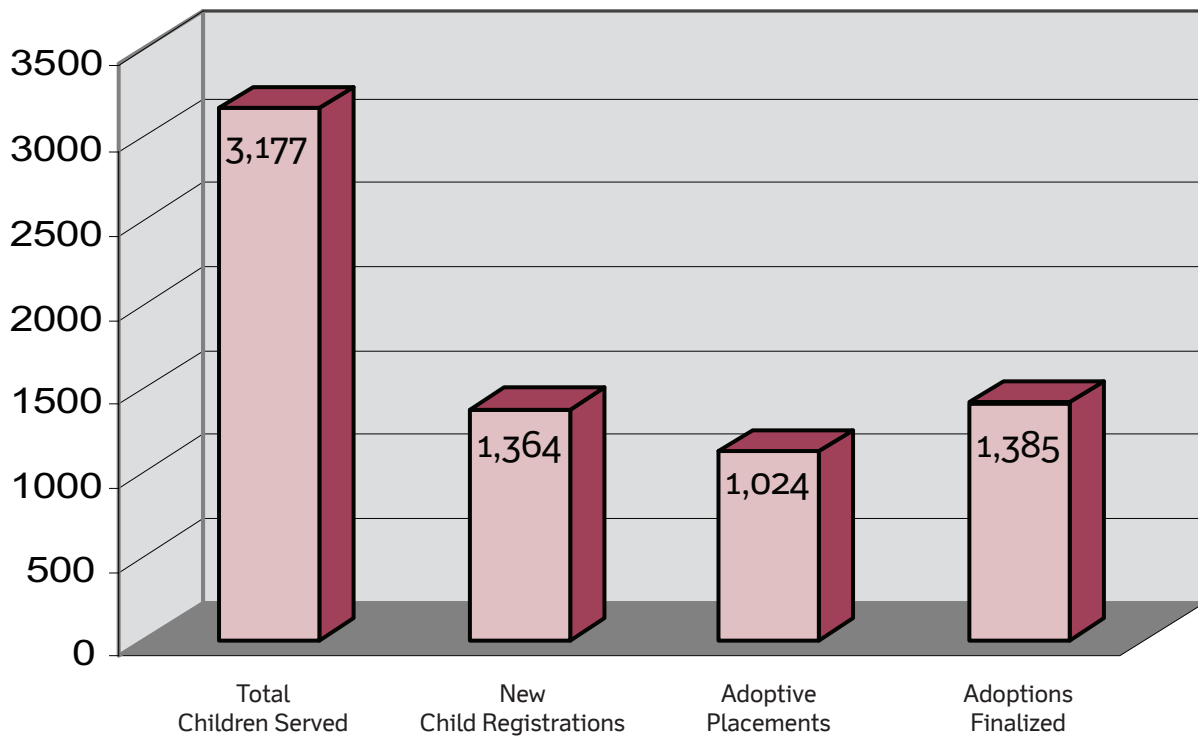
- 2,955 families were served in 2009 (Chart 2, page 13)
- 1,352 families, or 46 percent, were active and still waiting for an adoptive placement at the close of the calendar year (Chart 2, page 13)
- 410 of the 2,955 families, or 14 percent, accepted an adoptive placement in 2009 (Chart 2, page 13)
- 1,708 new families were registered in 2009 (Chart 2, page 13)





Children Served by PAE in 2009
Total Children Served - 3,177 (Chart 1)

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- 1,385 of the 3,177 children, or 44 percent, were finalized for adoption in 2009

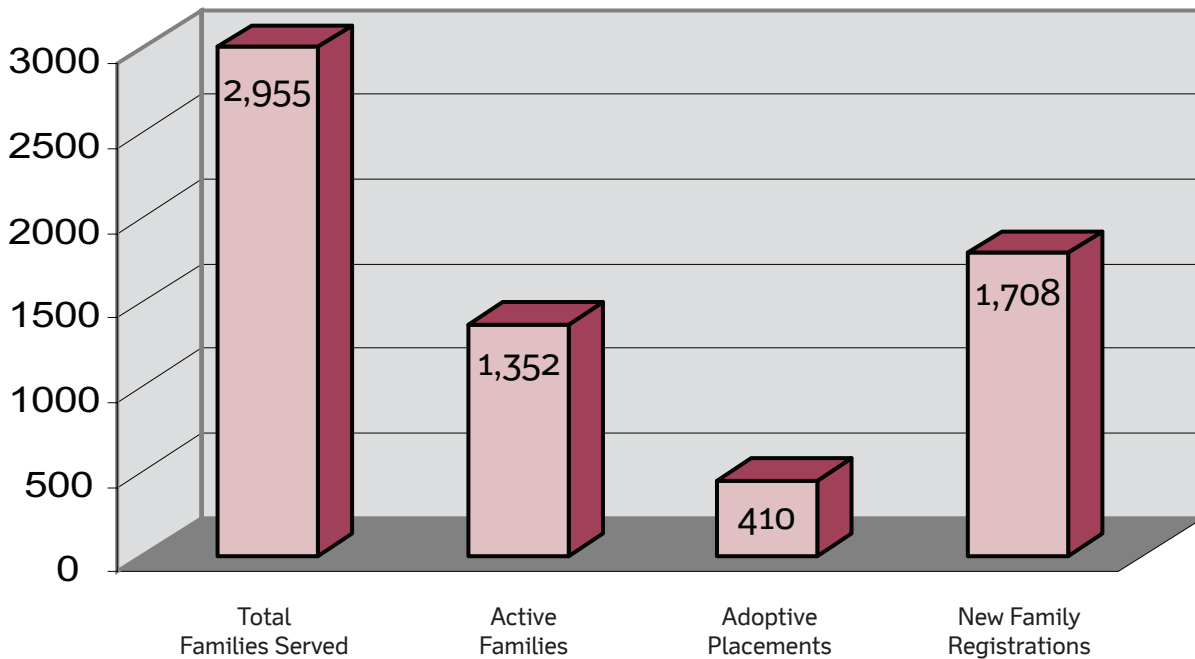


Note: Not all children who are available for adoption are registered with PAE. (See page 5 for registration requirements.)



Adoptive Families Served by PAE in 2009
Total Families Served – 2,955 (Chart 2)

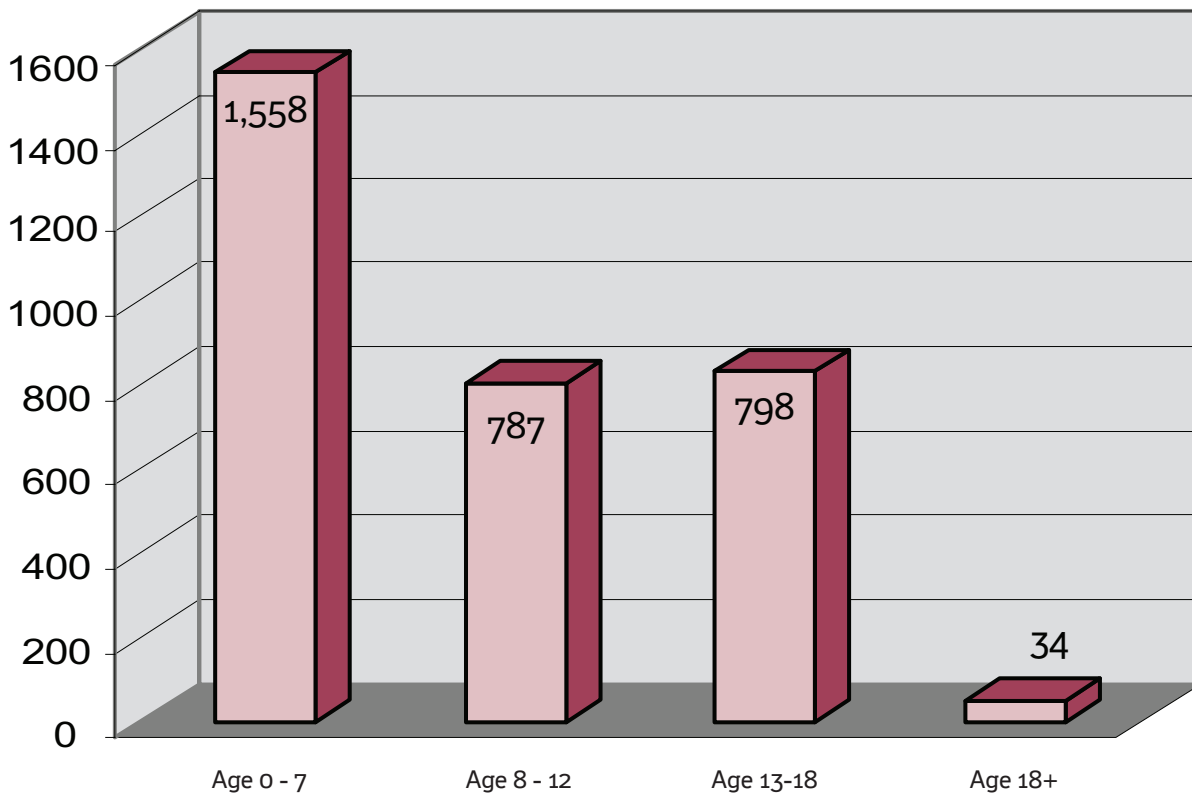
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*Age of Children Served by PAE in 2009
(Chart 3)*

- 1,558 of the 3,177 children, or 49 percent, were age 0 to 7
- 787 of the 3,177 children, or 25 percent, were age 8 to 12
- 798 of the 3,177 children, or 25 percent, were age 13 to 18
- 34 of the 3,177 children, or 1 percent, were over age 18

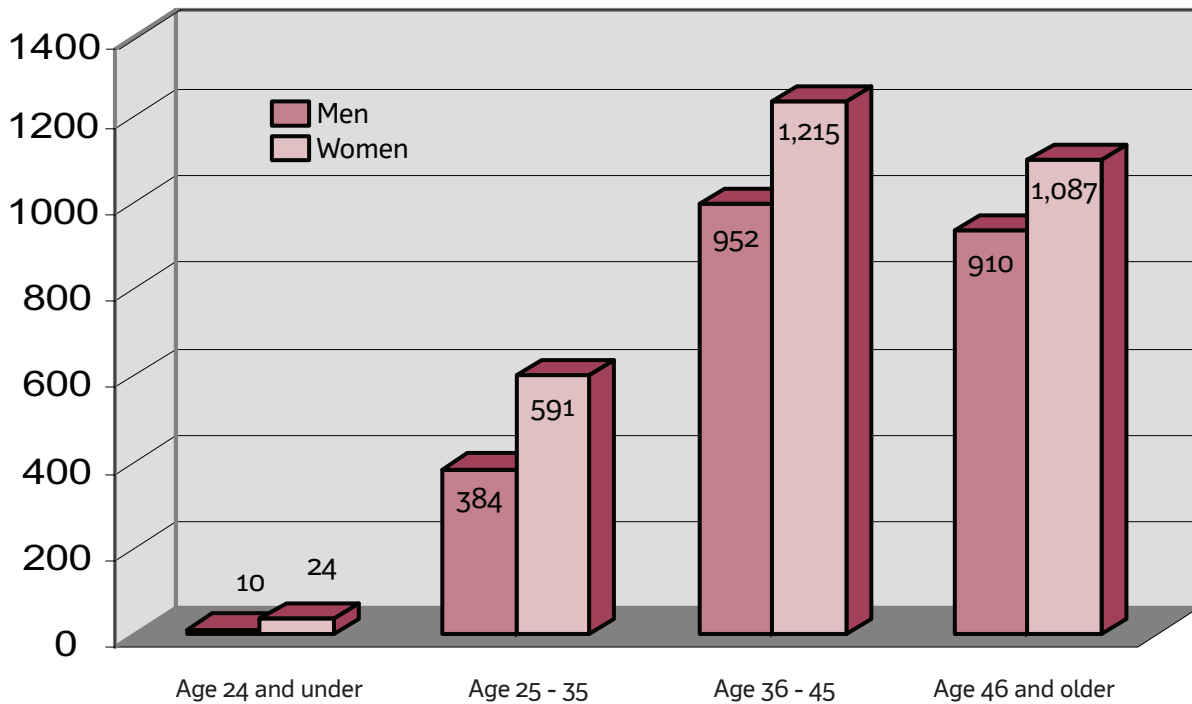


Note: Of the 1,558 children ages 0 to 7, nearly all have an adoptive family identified for them. Only 18 children, representing 1 percent of this age group, were still waiting for a family at the end of 2009.



*Age and Gender of Prospective Adopters Served by PAE in 2009
(Chart 4)*

- 2,256 men were prospective adopters in 2009
 - 10 men were age 24 and under, representing 0.4 percent of the total
 - 384 men were age 25 to 35, representing 17 percent of the total
 - 952 men were age 36 to 45, representing 42 percent of the total
 - 910 men were age 46 and older, representing 40 percent of the total
- 2,917 women were prospective adopters in 2009
 - 24 women were age 24 and under, representing 0.8 percent of the total
 - 591 women were age 25 to 35, representing 20 percent of the total
 - 1,215 women were age 36 to 45, representing 42 percent of the total
 - 1,087 women were age 46 and older, representing 37 percent of the total

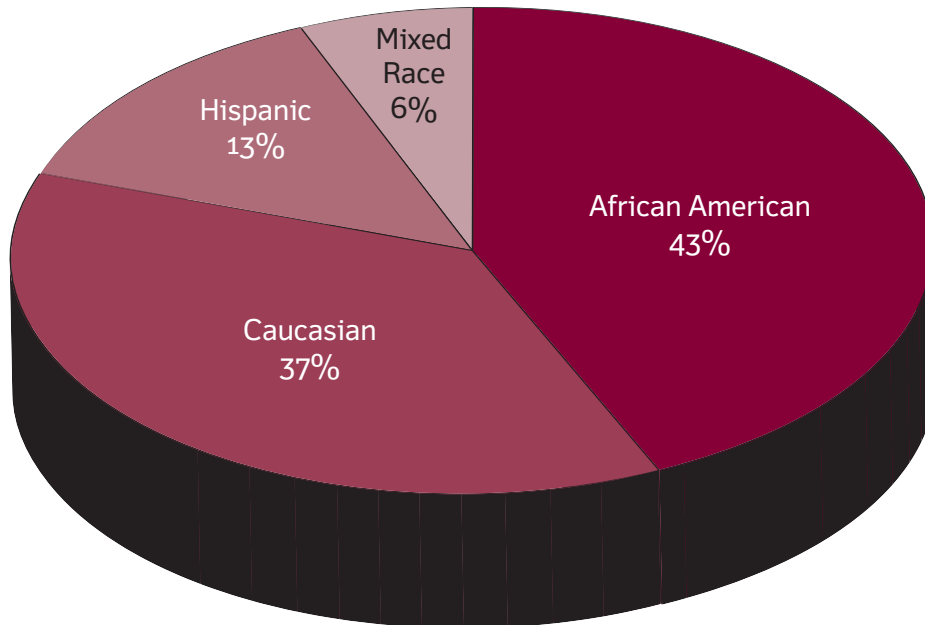


Note: The numbers represented above include single male and female prospective adopters as well as couples who were prospective adopters.



*Race of Children Served by PAE in 2009
(Chart 5)*

- 3,177 children were served in 2009
- 1,377 children, or 43 percent, are African American
- 1,178 children, or 37 percent, are Caucasian
- 410 children, or 13 percent, are Hispanic
- 195 children, or 6 percent, are Mixed Race
- 10 children, or 0.3 percent, are Asian
- Four children, or 0.1 percent, are Native American
- Three children, or 0.09 percent, are of unknown Race

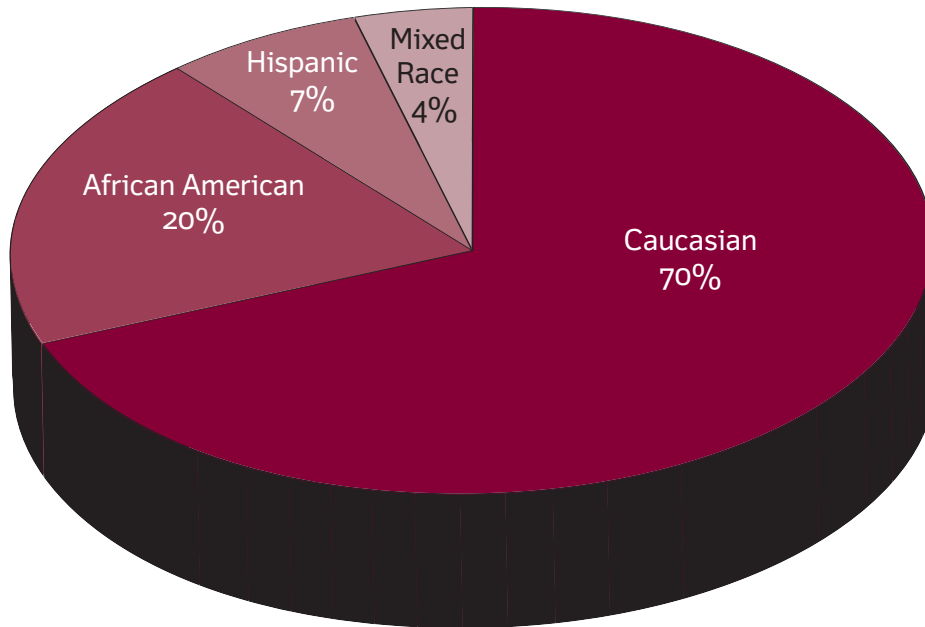


Note: Ten Asian children, four Native American children and three children of unknown race are not included in the pie chart above because they represent less than 1 percent of the children served.



*Race of Adoptive Families Served by PAE in 2009
(Chart 6)*

- 2,955 adoptive families were served in 2009
- 2,054 of the families, or 70 percent, are Caucasian
- 583 of the families, or 20 percent, are African American
- 200 of the families, or 7 percent, are Hispanic
- 111 of the families, or 4 percent, are of Mixed Race
- Six of the families, or 0.2 percent, are Native American
- One family, or 0.03 percent, is Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

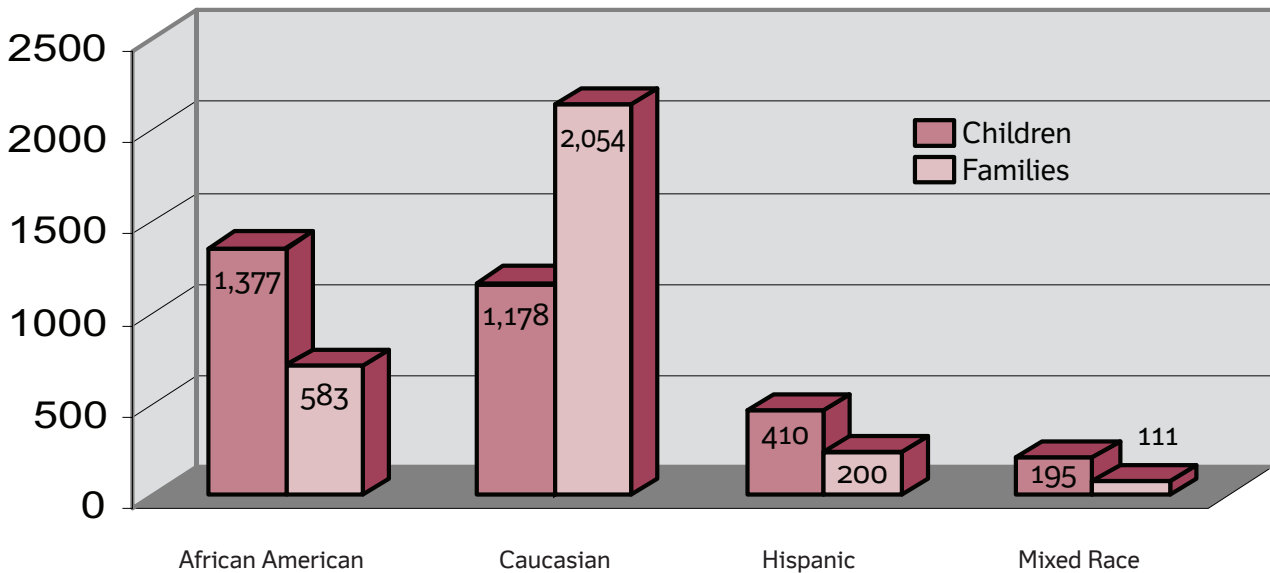


Note: Six Native American families and one Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander family are not included in the pie chart above because they represent less than 1 percent of the families served.



Comparison of the Race of Families and the Race of Children Served by PAE in 2009 (Chart 7)

- 1,377 children, or 43 percent, are African American
- 583 families, or 20 percent, are African American
- 1,178 children, or 37 percent, are Caucasian
- 2,054 families, or 70 percent, are Caucasian
- 410 children, or 13 percent, are Hispanic
- 200 families, or 7 percent, are Hispanic
- 195 children, or 6 percent, are of Mixed Race
- 111 families, or 4 percent, are of Mixed Race
- 10 children, or 0.3 percent, are Asian
- No families are Asian
- Four children, or 0.1 percent, are Native American
- Six families, or 0.2 percent, are Native American
- No children are Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- One family, or 0.03 percent, is Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

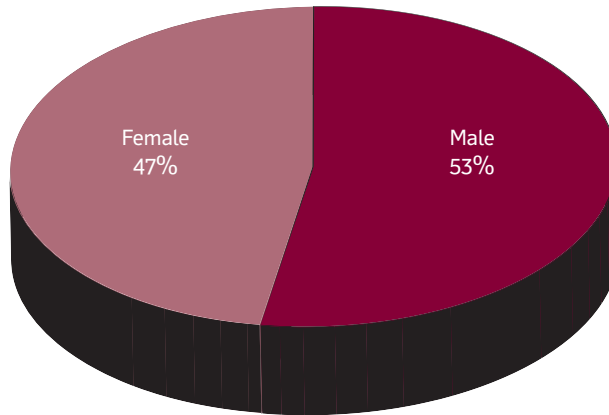


Note: Ten Asian children, four Native American children, six Native American families and one Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander family are not included in the chart above because they represent less than 1 percent of the children and families served.



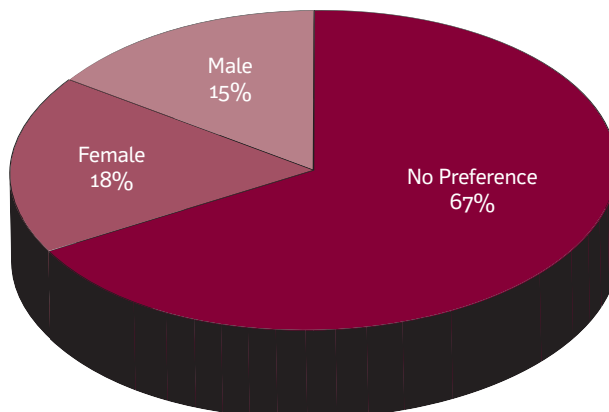
*Gender of Children Served
by PAE in 2009 (Chart 8)*

- 1,698 children were male, representing 53 percent of the total
- 1,479 children were female, representing 47 percent of the total



*Gender Preferences of Adoptive Families
Served by PAE in 2009 (Chart 9)*

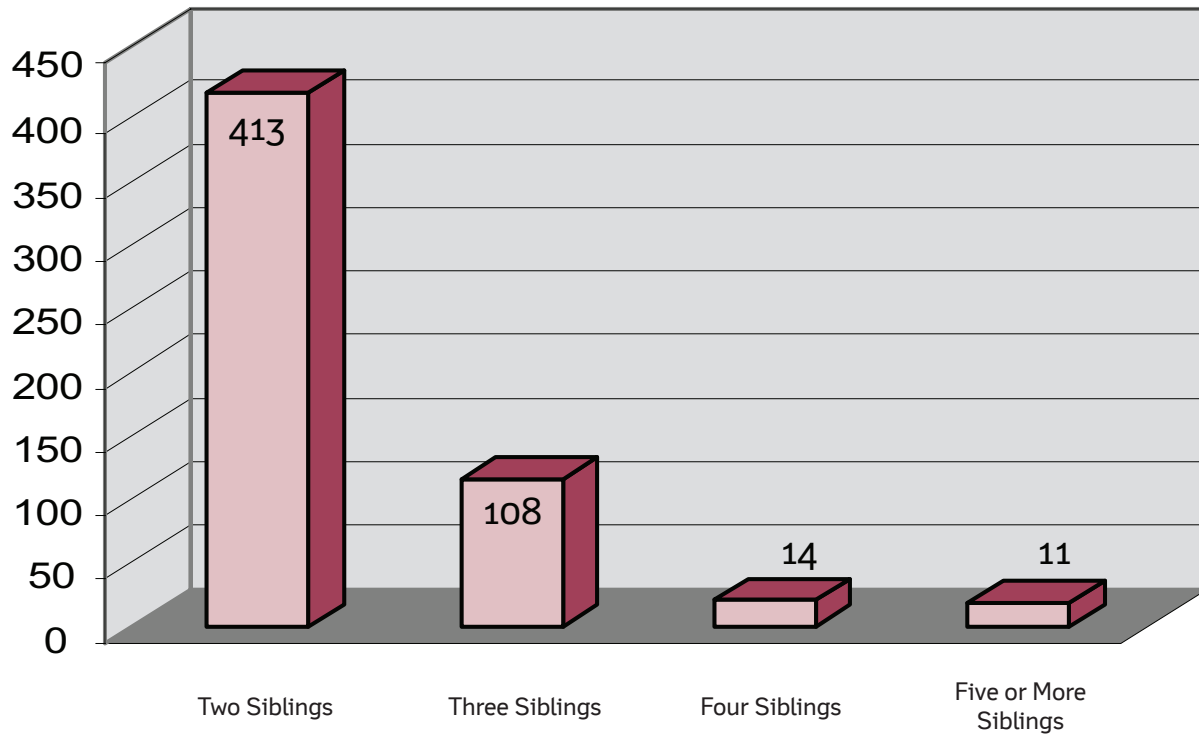
- 1,992 families, or 67 percent, did not have a gender preference
- 524 families, or 18 percent, preferred females
- 439 families, or 15 percent, preferred males





Size of Sibling Groups Served by PAE in 2009 (Chart 10)

- 351 sibling groups were served by PAE in 2009
- Of the 3,177 children served, 1,127 or 35 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group
- Of the 1,127 children in a sibling group:
 - 413 children, or 37 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of two
 - 108 children, or 10 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of three
 - 14 children, or 1 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of four
 - 11 children, or 1 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of five or more

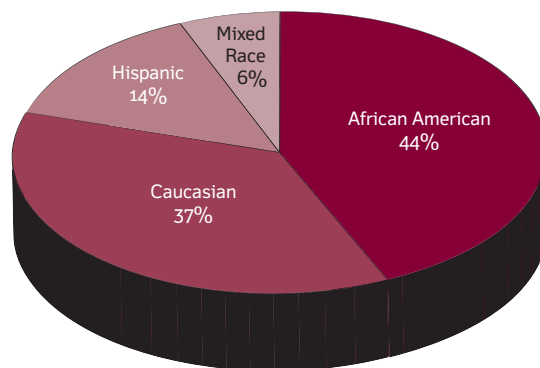


Note: Not all members of a sibling group may have been served by PAE.



Race of Sibling Groups Served by PAE in 2009 (Chart 11)

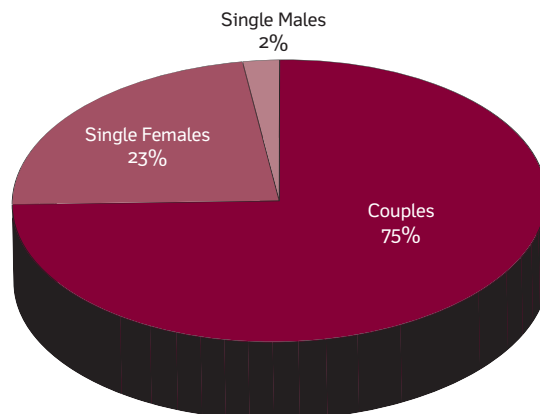
- Of the 1,127 children in sibling groups:
 - 494 children, or 44 percent, are African American
 - 409 children, or 37 percent, are Caucasian
 - 155 children, or 14 percent, are Hispanic
 - 65 children, or 6 percent, are Mixed Race
 - Three children, or 0.3 percent, are Asian
 - One child, or 0.09 percent, is of unknown race
 - No children, or 0.0 percent, are Native American



Note: Not all members of a sibling group may have been served by PAE. Three children in a sibling group of Asian descent and one child of unknown race are not included in the pie chart above because they represent less than 1 percent of the children served in a sibling group.

Marital Status of Adoptive Families Served by PAE in 2009 (Chart 12)

- Of the 2,955 adoptive families served:
 - 2,218 families were couples, representing 75 percent of the total
 - 679 families were single females, representing 23 percent of the total
 - 58 families were single males, representing 2 percent of the total





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Scranton, PA 18503
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Bucks County Children and Youth
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Scranton, PA 18503
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Lancaster, PA 17602
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Allentown, PA 18101
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Mifflin County Children and Youth Social Services
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Monroe County Children and Youth Services
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Franklin, PA 16323
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North Warren, PA 16365
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Washington County Children and Youth Services
100 West Beau Street, Suite 502
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Wayne County Children and Youth Services
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Wexford, PA 15090
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Norristown, PA 19401
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Allentown, PA 18109
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Catholic Charities Diocese of Erie

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Erie, PA 16502
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Catholic Charities Diocese of Greensburg

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Greensburg, PA 15601-2993
(724) 837-1840

Catholic Charities Diocese of Harrisburg

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Harrisburg, PA 17111
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Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh

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Pittsburgh, PA 15222
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Catholic Social Services Diocese of Scranton

214 West Walnut Street
Hazelton, PA 18201
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Catholic Social Services of Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, PA 19103-1295
(215) 587-3870

Child to Family Connections, Inc.

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Meadville, PA 16335
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Children's Aid Home Program Somerset County

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Somerset, PA 15501
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Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County

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Clearfield, PA 16830
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Children's Aid Society of Franklin County

255 Miller Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201
(717) 263-4159

Children's Aid Society of Mercer County

350 West Market Street
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Mercer, PA 16137
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Children's Home of Reading Youth and Family Service, Inc.

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Reading, PA 19601-1498
(610) 478-8266

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77 Shoe House Road
York, PA 17406-8052
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Children's Services Inc.

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Common Sense Adoption Services

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
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Diakon Adoption Services of Topton

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Diakon Adoption Services of York

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York, PA 17403
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Episcopal Community Services

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Families Caring for Children

96 Front Street
Nanticoke, PA 18634
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Families United Network

Donegal Professional Center
412 South Angle Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552
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Family Care for Children & Youth, Inc.

25 Bedford Boulevard
Milton, PA 17847
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Family Care Services, Inc.

4385 Edenville Road
Chambersburg, PA 17201
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Family Hope Connection-Jewish Family Services

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Pittsburgh, PA 15217
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Butler, PA 16001
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Family Services of Northwestern Pennsylvania

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Erie, PA 16509
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Friends Association

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West Chester, PA 19381
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Friendship House

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Kingston, PA 18704
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Harrisburg, PA 17110
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Jewish Family Services of Greater Philadelphia

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Danville, PA 17821
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Roslyn, PA 19001
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Lutheran Service Society of Western Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, PA 19131
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New Foundations, Inc.

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Northwestern Human Services

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(814) 934-8496

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Pressley Ridge of Central PA/Family Services of Lancaster

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Johnstown, PA 15905
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Wilkinsburg, PA 15221
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Philadelphia, PA 19121-3405
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Web Sites

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
www.pa.gov

Department of Public Welfare
www.dpw.state.pa.us

DPW Forms and Publications
www.dpw.state.pa.us/PubsFormsReports/

Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange
www.adoptpakids.org

Pennsylvania Code Online
www.pacode.com

Pennsylvania General Assembly
www.legis.state.pa.us

U.S. State Department
http://travel.state.gov/family/family_1732.html

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators
www.pcyu.org

Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association
www.psrfa.com

CHILD WELFARE RESOURCES

American Humane Association
www.americanhumane.org

Center for Schools and Communities
www.center-school.org

Child Welfare League of America
www.cwla.org

Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
www.paaap.org

PARENTING AND FAMILY RESOURCES

Connect for Kids
www.connectforkids.org

Families Thru International Adoption
www.ftia.org

Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance
www.pa-fsa.org

Parent to Parent
www.parenttoparent.org

The National Fatherhood Initiative
www.fatherhood.org

The Juvenile Law Center
www.jlc.org

Wide Smiles
www.widesmiles2.org

ADOPTION RESOURCES

Adopt Share
www.adoptshare.com

Adopt Us Kids
www.adoptuskids.org

Adoption.com
www.adoption.com

Adoption Knowledge Affiliates
www.adoptionknowledge.org

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys
www.adoptionattorneys.org

Child Welfare Information Gateway
www.childwelfare.gov

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute
www.ccaainstitute.org

Dave Thomas Foundation
www.davethomasfoundation.org

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
www.diakon-swan.org

Joint Council on International Children's Services
www.jcics.org

National Adoption Center
www.adopt.org

North American Council on Adoptable Children
www.nacac.org

Spaulding for Children
www.spaulding.org

Three Rivers Adoption Council
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