



Adoption Services



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LIFE CHANGING
journey for you and a child



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DCCH Center for Children and Families

has been operating a therapeutic foster care program since 1999. In 2002, we began adoption services for our foster parents wanting to offer their child a “forever family.”

Many of the children living in foster care have been the victims of trauma due to neglect or abuse. They do not know what it means to have a stable and loving family. We need families willing to open their hearts and homes, and help change a life.

Adopting a child who has experienced abuse and neglect is different from traditional infant adoptions because the needs and behaviors of the child may be more challenging. As a result, we provide training and support services for families who choose to adopt.

Children most in need of adopted families are over the age of 10, and may be part of a sibling group.

Kentucky requirements for adoptive families

- Applicants must be a Kentucky resident.
- Applicants must be older than 21 years of age.
- May be married or single, but if married, prefer two years of stability.
- Must be in good physical and mental health.
- Must provide a signed release form to discuss any health concerns with family physicians.
- Must have own personal source of income.
- Must not have serious criminal convictions. Any person with crimes against children will not be approved.
- Must own or rent a home that provides a safe physical environment.
- Other requirements about the number of children in the home and childcare may apply. These will be discussed during the training class.

“They may not have my eyes,
they may not have my smile,
but they have **all my heart.**”

Adoption Steps

- 1 Termination of parental rights of the birth parents is granted.
- 2 Family signs and notarizes the intent to adopt form.
- 3 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services approves the foster/adoptive parent request.
- 4 Kentucky Cabinet representative negotiates adoption financial assistance with the family.
- 5 Kentucky Cabinet approves contracts and prepares adoption placement agreement.
- 6 The family attorney files the adoption petition with the family court.
- 7 DCCH, Kentucky Cabinet and the child attorney write recommendations to the court for adoption finalization.

Inquiry Process

To learn more about becoming an adoptive parent, please call DCCH center at 859-331-2040, and ask for any personnel from the Foster Care and Adoption Program, or visit us at www.DCCHCenter.org and fill out the inquiry form.

A brief phone interview will be conducted and a packet of information will be sent to you.

The next step includes an orientation meeting, followed by group training classes. A family home study will be conducted.

Once approved, you have the opportunity to accept a potential child referral. You and DCCH will work together to provide healing and harmony for the child, while working to finalize the adoption.





Benefits of Adoption

- Non-reoccurring legal expenses up to \$1000
- Adoptive parent support
- Full health, dental, and vision insurance for adopted child
- Free tuition for a Kentucky state, college, university, or vocational school
- Monthly financial assistance*
- Reimbursable, extraordinary medical expenses*

*Must be negotiated and approved prior to onset of benefits.



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**Therapeutic Foster Care
& Adoption Services**

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Targeted Case Management



Providing wrap around
**SUPPORTS TO CHILDREN AND
ADULTS** in order to reach levels
of optimal functioning.



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We can help with....

Housing Assistance - Identifies barriers to housing and provides access to housing resources.

Social - access basic needs such as food, clothing, transportation.

Medical - linkage to medical care and improve overall health practices.

Mental Health - referrals to behavioral health services for medication management and therapy.

Education - assist with further education classes, and linkage to parenting classes.

School Advocate - facilitate communication between school personnel to help improve, academic and behavioral needs.

Employment - linkage to employment specialist to find job placement opportunities.



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Our Mission:

To express God's love by providing compassionate care and quality services to address the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of children's and families.

Our Goals:

To stabilize, treat and educate children and their families while facilitating changes in relationships, attitudes and behavior through a continuum of support and assistance.

Accreditation & Memberships

DCCH Center for Children and Families has been providing social services in Kentucky since 1848. DCCH is accredited. We are a member of the Children's Alliance and Foster Care Cooperative.



Kentucky's voice for at-risk children and families



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When DCCH expanded our service offerings to include Outpatient Therapy, we were building on our core capability of helping families and individuals heal. For over 160 years, DCCH has served Kentucky in fulfilling our mission of providing compassionate care and quality service to address the needs of children and families.

Our Program

The Therapy Center at DCCH was developed to deliver both short and long-term therapy for children, families, couples, and adults of all ages. We are accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and children and use evidence-based practice to ensure quality care for all patients.

What sets us apart is our ability to help people identify the root of their issues and empower them to overcome challenges in their lives. Essentially, we provide a safe place to start on or continue the journey to healthier, more rewarding life.

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Our Services

The Therapy Center at DCCH has used our vast experience and expertise to develop programs to help families and individuals struggling with:

- Anxiety or depression
- Family conflict
- Grief/loss issues
- Behavioral issues/acting out
- Aggression and anger issues
- Divorce/separation
- Education/psychological testing
- Addiction
- Stress management
- Work and career challenges

The ability to respond to treatment can depend on the type of therapy chosen. That's why DCCH offers a wide variety of outpatient therapy and works closely with you to determine which will suit your needs best.

- Our services include:
- Individual therapy for all ages
- Group therapy
- Family therapy
- Marital therapy
- Spiritual direction
- Parenting education/support/customized consultation

(rate based upon the needs of the child; paid monthly)

The Process

Our experienced professionals are happy to answer your questions and help you through the initial consultation process. They will work with you to select the right treatment pathway, making sure you are matched with the right therapist. We accept all major insurance and all inquiries are completely confidential.

Clinical Staff

Our strength-based, relationship focused approach to treatment is delivered by experienced, highly qualified professionals. Our therapists are Master level, licensed clinical Social Workers with nearly 50 years combined experience. The evidenced-based therapies we use include parent-child interaction therapy, Trauma focused-cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing and play therapy.





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Therapeutic Foster Care provides children with a temporary family to care for their needs and safety while their own families are unable to care for them.



Foster children have the same needs as any kids, but they have faced some very difficult circumstances. The majority of children in our program have traumatic backgrounds of neglect and abuse. We place children from birth to eighteen years of age. However, the most urgent need is for foster families to care for school age children. The children are boys and girls, from all races, and represent many diverse cultures.

The average length of stay for a child is six months to two years. The goal of the program is for the child to be reunited with the birth family, but when this is not possible adoption or independent living may become the plan. Foster parents will usually have the first choice as adoptive parents for the child.

Foster Parents

Foster families who possess the following qualities can help turn a child's life around:

- Motivated to help children
- Have a love for children
- Have a positive outlook
- Are flexible and patient
- Have good problem-solving skills
- Have realistic expectations
- Can work as a team member
- Can provide a nurturing and structured environment

State requirements: Be a Kentucky resident and age 21 or older

Is there a place in your family **for a child?**

Support & Resources

The following support and resources are available to assist Therapeutic Foster Care Parents and the children they provide care for:

- Individual and Family Counseling
- Medication Consultation
- Case Management
- Psychological Consultation
- Foster Parent Mentoring
- 24/7/365 Crisis Response
- Respite Services
- Ongoing Training
- Full Health, Dental, Vision Insurance For Every Child
- Daily Per Diem (rate based upon the needs of the child; paid monthly)



The DCCH Difference

Our values as an agency set us apart:

- We are a faith based, nonprofit organization.
- We have been caring for children and families of Northern Kentucky since 1848.
- We provide professional case management, support, and training.
- We provide personal and responsive service. We are committed to building ongoing relationships with our families.

Our Mission and Goals

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