Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange
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Dear Fellow Pennsylvanian:

I am pleased to present the 2008 Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange annual report, a record of the remarkable results that occur when people come together to provide safety and security for our children in need.

Each time a child finds a permanent home through adoption, there is a renewal of hope and promise for the future of our communities. Adopted children are given a loving family who will nurture and guide them to adulthood, and adoptive families experience the joy of raising a child and helping them to achieve their dreams.

The Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange has helped to facilitate thousands of these life-changing events by providing matching services for children and families. Of the more than 2,000 adoptions finalized last year in Pennsylvania, 1,689 children were registered through the Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange. Thanks to their efforts, these children have been given the opportunity to thrive.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to these families in Pennsylvania who have made a significant contribution to their community by opening their hearts to these children. I am proud of the role the Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange has had in bringing children and families together. Their commitment to children sets a tremendous example of the difference we can make in the lives of others through hard work and compassion.

I commend all those individuals who do so much to make these efforts possible, and encourage you to continue your important work helping children to find their “forever” family.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Rendell
Governor
A Message from Secretary Estelle B. Richman:

Each year we produce this report to mark the successes in our efforts to find permanent, loving families for Pennsylvania children who are waiting to be adopted. This year is no exception. Through the Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange nearly 1,700 children found permanent homes in 2008.

However, while this number represents so many children who now have a new hope for the future, there is still work to be done.

In these difficult economic times, it can be disheartening to see our investments shrink and our growth stifled. Especially in times such as these it is important to strengthen our commitment to the well-being of our children. Adoption is an investment where the returns are immeasurable; providing love to a child and helping them grow is a real, fundamental increase in the true wealth of a family and a community. It is an investment that cannot lose its value.

All of you who work tirelessly on behalf of children know the value of changing a child’s life through adoption. That is why you continue investing your time and your innovation in seeking out individuals and families statewide to open their hearts and their homes year after year. On behalf of Pennsylvania children and their foster and adoptive families, I would like to thank you for your time and dedication, and encourage you to keep working for the well-being of our children, our families and our communities.

Sincerely,

Estelle B. Richman
Secretary
Introduction

Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network

The Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, SWAN, works to find permanent homes for all children who are 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 comprised of: a prime contractor; county children and youth agencies; public and private child welfare agencies, organizations, advocates and attorneys; the legal system; foster, kinship, permanent legal custodianship and adoptive parents; and others who recognize that all children need and deserve permanent loving homes.

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;
- For whom no report of intention to adopt has been filed; and
- For whom termination of parental rights is being pursued.

Services provided by PAE include: registering children and families into 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 have faced many challenges, such as a history of abuse and neglect, multiple placements, drug and alcohol exposure, special education needs, emotional disturbance, mental retardation, special medical care, physical disability, and a history of runaway.

The data contained in this report reflect information about the children and families served by PAE from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Pennsylvania had 2,054 adoptions finalized in federal fiscal year 2008, which ran from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. Of these finalizations, 1,689 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 between Pennsylvania’s waiting children and 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 filming of waiting children;
- 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 important 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 birth parents who gave birth in Pennsylvania and then relinquished a child for adoption, as well as Pennsylvania-born adoptees.

DPW 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.

2008 Statistical Information:

- 30 new birth parents were registered in 2008
- 700 birth families have registered since 1997
- 135 new adoptees registered and inquired about medical history in 2008
- 2,381 adoptees have registered since 1997

Resource Family Registry (RFR)

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 established additional requirements relating to the approval of resource families.

Act 160 of 2004 required 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 Resource Family Registry is maintained by DPW. Currently, support for the RFR is provided by the SWAN’s prime contract with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries in partnership with Family Design Resources. A total of 48,282 applicants have been registered with the RFR. Of that total, 12,232 applied for adoption, 32,247 applied for foster care and 6,820 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. Twelve years later, the 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 257 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.

2008 Statistical Information:
- Total Calls – 13,388
- Incoming Calls – 4,377
  - Calls made by prospective adoptive parents – 1,585
  - Callers who learned of SWAN through television or radio – 331
- Outgoing Calls – 9,011
  - Follow-up calls made by Helpline – 3,005 (4,219 attempts)
  - SWAN Family Packets mailed to callers – 1,661
- Referrals made to other agencies – 484
Outreach Initiatives

Media Campaign

In 2008, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, SWAN, ran a targeted recruitment television campaign, a targeted radio campaign, as well as print and online advertisements to increase awareness about the need for foster and adoptive families. The targeted recruitment campaign - which consisted of television advertisements - aired in the three largest Pennsylvania media markets, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. The campaign ran SWAN commercials that aired on network and cable television. The television campaign ran from January 7th through March 30th rotating four weeks at a time in the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh media markets throughout those months.

The radio campaign, which consisted of one radio advertisement, aired in six media markets in Pennsylvania. The radio campaign ran from May 12th through June 22nd, rotating four weeks at a time in the Allentown-Bethlehem, Altoona, Erie, Johnstown, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Williamsport media markets throughout those months.

An online paid word search ran from October 13th through December 22nd. In November, National Adoption Month, print advertisements ran in 15 Sunday newspapers throughout the state on November 16th or November 23rd.

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 who are waiting to be adopted. The Pennsylvania Heart Gallery 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 dreams for the future.

The Pennsylvania Heart Gallery was first unveiled on May 24, 2006 at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg. The exhibit traveled across the state for an entire year and proved to be successful in creating awareness about adoption and finding children permanent homes. Due to the success of the Pennsylvania Heart Gallery, an additional 23 portraits of children waiting for permanent families were added to the exhibit in June 2008. The exhibit continued to travel across the state and in 2008 made a total of 19 stops at various Pennsylvania businesses, churches, malls, fairs and airports. Currently, the Heart Gallery has 58 children featured from 32 counties across Pennsylvania.

Since its inception, 35 of the 100 total children featured in the gallery have been placed in pre-adoptive homes. Of those 35 children, 23 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 are given to their adoptive families as a keepsake.

For the gallery’s third anniversary in June 2009, the exhibit was be updated with photos of additional children who are waiting for a family.
The Heart Gallery concept was developed in 2001 in New Mexico. The first National Heart Gallery exhibit opened in Washington, D.C. in November 2005.

For more information about Pennsylvania’s Heart Gallery, including information on where it will visit, see www.adoptpakids.org.

**Web site: www.adoptpakids.org**

The Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange’s Web site was established in 1999 as a tool to assist in matching waiting children with prospective adoptive families. Administered by DPW, the Web site is one tool that helps eliminate geographic boundaries as it recruits families who live beyond our state’s boundaries. The most popular feature of the Web site is the photo album of Pennsylvania’s waiting children. The photo album features photographs and personal stories about the children and serves as a powerful recruitment tool. The Web site also provides adoption related information, including:

- 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 Web site also has 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 Web sites.

**2008 Statistical Information:**

- The Web site received 284,174 visits
- The photo album received 179,045 visits
- The Heart Gallery received 25,284 visits
- The Web site averaged 820 visits per day
- The busiest day of the week was Tuesday
- The busiest time of the day was between 3 and 4 p.m.
- The CY 131 Resource Family Applicant Registration/Update form was downloaded more than any other form on PAE’s Web site
- This Web site is one of the most visited that DPW operates, second only to the Pennsylvania Child Support Program Web site

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**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 child in an activity chosen by the child and films them doing what they do best – being themselves. 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 1-412-471-8722. The segment airs on the 6 p.m. news every other Tuesday, at noon the following Wednesday and on the Lynne Hayes-Freeland Show.

**2008 Statistical Information:**

- 18 children were aired on the Waiting Child segment in 2008
- Of these children, eight have a family identified
- Waiting Child has a 68 percent success rate for finding families for children in western Pennsylvania
- Since the start of the program in 1982, 510 children were interviewed and 347 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 caseworker 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 Web site, www.adooptpakids.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.

2008 Statistical Information:
• 30 children were aired on Val’s Kids in 2008
• Of these children, two have a family identified
• Val’s Kids has a 40 percent overall success rate in finding families for waiting children in central Pennsylvania
• Since the start of the program in 2000, 205 children were interviewed
  o Adoptions were finalized for 61 of these children
  o An additional 21 of these children were matched with adoptive families

A Little Love

On February 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 with whom they work. 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 life-time 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 who are 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.

2008 Statistical Information:
• 12 children were aired on the A Little Love segment in 2008
• Of those 12 children, six have a family identified
• Since the start of the program in 2007, 45 children have been featured in 42 segments
  o Three children have been adopted
  o An additional 19 have been matched and placed with a permanent family
• A Little Love has a 49 percent overall success rate in finding families for waiting children in northeast Pennsylvania segments
Key Findings

Children Served
- 2,771 children were served in 2008 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 1,164 new child registrations were received in 2008 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 704 of the 2,771 children, or 25 percent, were age 13 to 18 (Chart 3, page 14)
- 891 of the 2,771 children, or 32 percent, were placed in adoptive homes in 2008 (Chart 1, page 12)
- 1,158 of the 2,771 children, or 42 percent, were finalized for adoption in 2008 (Chart 1, page 12)

Families Served
- 2,600 families were served in 2008 (Chart 2, page 13)
- 1,320 families, or 51 percent, were active and still waiting for an adoptive placement at the close of the calendar year (Chart 2, page 13)
- 215 of the 2,600 families, or 8 percent, accepted an adoptive placement in 2008 (Chart 2, page 13)
- 1,391 new families were registered in 2008 (Chart 2, page 13)
Children Served by PAE in 2008
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(Chart 1)

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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 2008
Total Families Served - 2,600
(Chart 2)

• 2,600 families were served by PAE in 2008

• 1,320 families, or 51 percent, were active and still waiting for an adoptive placement at the end of 2008

• 215 of the 2,600 families, or 8 percent, accepted an adoptive placement in 2007

• 1,391 new families were registered with PAE in 2008
Age of Children Served by PAE in 2008  
(Chart 3)

- 1,185 of the 2,771 children, or 43 percent, were age 0 to 7
- 654 of the 2,771 children, or 24 percent, were age 8 to 12
- 704 of the 2,771 children, or 25 percent, were age 13 to 18
- 228 of the 2,771 children, or 8 percent, were over age 18

Note: Of the 1,185 children ages birth to 7, nearly all already have an adoptive family identified for them. Only 16 children, representing 1 percent of this age group, were still waiting for a family at the end of 2008.
Age of Prospective Adopters Served by PAE in 2008
(Chart 4)

• 2,115 men were prospective adopters in 2008
  — Four men were age 24 and under, representing 0.2 percent of the total
  — 320 men were age 25 to 35, representing 15 percent of the total
  — 917 men were age 36 to 45, representing 43 percent of the total
  — 874 men were age 46 and older, representing 41 percent of the total

• 2,556 women were prospective adopters in 2008
  — Nine women were age 24 and under, representing 0.4 percent of the total
  — 484 women were age 25 to 35, representing 19 percent of the total
  — 1,090 women were age 36 to 45, representing 43 percent of the total
  — 973 women were age 46 and older, representing 38 percent of the total
Note: Ten Asian children and five Native American children 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 2008
(Chart 6)

- 2,600 adoptive families were served in 2008
- 1,941 of the families, or 75 percent, are Caucasian
- 414 of the families, or 16 percent, are African American
- 142 of the families, or 5 percent, are Hispanic
- 97 of the families, or 4 percent, are of Mixed Race
- 6 of the families, or 0.2 percent, are Native American

Note: Six Native American families 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 2008 (Chart 7)

- 1,164 children, or 42 percent, are African American
- 414 families, or 16 percent, are African American
- 986 children, or 36 percent, are Caucasian
- 1,941 families, or 75 percent, are Caucasian
- 376 children, or 14 percent, are Hispanic
- 142 families, or 5 percent, are Hispanic
- 230 children, or 8 percent, are of Mixed Race
- 97 families, or 4 percent, are of Mixed Race
- 10 children, or 0.4 percent, are Asian
- No families are Asian
- Five children, or 0.2 percent, are Native American
- Six families, or 0.2 percent, are Native American

Note: Ten Asian children, five Native American children and six Native American families 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 2008 (Chart 8)

- 1,466 children were male, representing 53 percent of the total
- 1,305 children were female, representing 47 percent of the total

Gender Preferences of Adoptive Families Served by PAE in 2008 (Chart 9)

- 1,789 families, or 69 percent, did not have a gender preference
- 430 families, or 17 percent, preferred females
- 381 families, or 15 percent, preferred males
• 479 sibling groups were served by PAE in 2008

• Of the 2,771 children served, 1,016 belonged to a sibling group, representing 37 percent of all children served

• Of the 1,016 children in a sibling group:
  - 358 children, or 35 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of two
  - 85 children, or 8 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of three
  - 27 children, or 3 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of four
  - 9 children, or 1 percent of these children, belonged to a sibling group of five or more
Race of Sibling Groups Served by PAE in 2008 (Chart 11)

Of the 1,016 children in sibling groups:
- 436 children, or 43 percent, are African American
- 342 children, or 34 percent, are Caucasian
- 155 children, or 15 percent, are Hispanic
- 76 children, or 7 percent, are Mixed Race
- Five children, or 0.5 percent, are Asian
- Two children, or 0.2 percent, are Native American

Note: Five children in a sibling group of Asian descent and two children in a sibling group of Native American descent 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 2008 (Chart 12)

Of the 2,600 adoptive families served:
- 2,072 families were couples, representing 80 percent of the total
- 474 families were single females, representing 18 percent of the total
- 54 families were single males, representing 2 percent of the total
Directory of Services

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Philadelphia, PA 19130
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701 State Office Building
300 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412) 565-2339

Northeast Region
Office of Children, Youth and Families
Scranton State Office Building, 3rd Floor
100 Lackawanna Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-4376

Central Region
Office of Children, Youth and Families
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675
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Adams County Children and Youth Services
111-117 Baltimore Street, Room 201 B
Gettysburg, PA 17325-1824
(717) 337-0110

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Office of Children, Youth & Families
One Smithfield Street, Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2225
(412) 473-2000

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Armstrong County Children, Youth, and Family Services
310 South Jefferson Street
Kittanning, PA 16201
(724) 548-3466

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Beaver Falls, PA 15010
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Bedford County Children and Youth Services
200 South Juliana Street
Bedford, PA 15522
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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/services/adoption_4423.html

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES
Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators  
www.pcyasa.org
Pennsylvania State Resource Family Association  
www.psrfpa.com

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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

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Connect for Kids  
www.connectforkids.org
Families Thru International Adoption  
www.ftia.org
Kidsource Online  
www.kidsource.com
Parent’s Action for Children  
www.looktothestars.org/charity/412-parents-action-for-children
Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance  
www.pa-fsa.org

ADOPTION RESOURCES
Adopt Share  
www.adoptshare.com
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