



Somewhere in Pennsylvania  
there's a child waiting for **you**.



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*statewide  
adoption and  
permanency  
network*

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If you can be a swing-pusher, if you can be a jump-shot-helper, if you can be a clarinet-listener, then you can be a foster or adoptive parent. Foster and adoptive parents are just regular people; what makes them special is their willingness to help a child. At any one time there are as many as 20,000 children in Pennsylvania who need placement in safe, stable homes. Homes just like yours. And it's people just like you who are able to provide the kind of nurturing environment where these children can realize their full potential. So if you are interested in making a difference in a child's life, are a natural hug-giver, and think fostering or adopting might be the right decision for you and your family, please pick up the phone and be a phone-caller.



**BE A FOSTER  
OR ADOPTIVE  
PARENT.**

**1-800-585-SWAN**

**[www.adoptpakids.org](http://www.adoptpakids.org)**

If you can be a hug-giver, you may already have what it takes to be a foster or adoptive parent.



### ***Foster Parents***

Every year in Pennsylvania, thousands of children need safety, security, nurturing, love—all the things kids get from good parenting. If you can open your heart and your home to a child then you might have what it takes to be a foster parent.

It takes a special person to reach out to kids in crisis and unselfishly give them what they need. Some of these kids are very young; some are older; some have siblings. They come from different backgrounds. Whatever their situation, they need a place that is home—for whatever length of time.



If you have the kind of heart that will not let you turn your back on children who need help, please contact the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, also known as SWAN, at 1-800-585-SWAN. Staff can help you find out more about foster care: what kinds of kids need your help, what it's like to be a foster parent, the process of becoming a foster parent, and more. They can refer you to other resources in your area.

### ***Adoptive Parents***

More than 3,000 kids in Pennsylvania are waiting for permanent homes to call their own. They want and deserve a real family: someone to cheer them on as they round third base at the Little League game or wave to them from the front row at the school band concert.

There are many kinds of kids who need permanent families—little kids, big kids, black kids, white kids. Many of these children have physical or emotional problems due to circumstances beyond their control, and they need someone to help them turn their lives around. Sometimes they have siblings who need homes, too.

Whatever their background, one thing is the same—they need a chance to thrive as part of a real family.

Maybe you have some extra room in your heart to become an adoptive parent. You can meet some of the kids who are looking for families by visiting [www.adoptpakids.org](http://www.adoptpakids.org). The Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network, also known as SWAN, can help you find out more about adoption: what kinds of kids are looking for homes, what it's like to be an adoptive parent, the adoption process, and more. SWAN will refer you to adoption resources in your local area and even connect you with other adoptive parents.

Be a swing-pusher. Be a homework-helper. Be a hug-giver. Most of all, be a phone-caller. Call 1-800-585-SWAN or visit [www.adoptpakids.org](http://www.adoptpakids.org), and become a foster or adoptive parent.



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