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STATEWIDE ADOPTION AND  
PERMANENCY NETWORK



**#MeetTheKids**

And learn how you can be the person these kids have been dreaming about for years. Because in life, it's not about what's convenient — it's about changing lives and making a difference.

**#MeetTheKids that need someone like you to give them something they deserve more than anything — family.**



## **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 the 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 also refer you to other resources in your area.

## **ADOPTIVE PARENTS**

More than 2,500 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 game or wave to them from the front row at the school band concert.

There are many kinds of kids who need permanent families—young kids and older 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 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.

**FAMILY IS SOMETHING  
EVERY CHILD DESERVES.**

**Call 1.800.585.SWAN  
or visit [www.adoptpakids.org](http://www.adoptpakids.org)  
and become a foster  
or adoptive parent.**





**#MeetTheKids** offers potential foster and adoptive parents the opportunity to peek into the hearts and minds of youth waiting for homes. The **#MeetTheKids** campaign features 12 real kids from Pennsylvania that are waiting for adoption — waiting for someone like you to show them what a real family is.

These special kids were given iPods and a little direction and were asked to help film each other and share why they want a family and what having a family would mean to them.

The images you see throughout this brochure are actual images from our **#MeetTheKids** production and feature the children who participated in the making of the **#MeetTheKids** documentary. To view the full documentary and three commercials, visit [adoptpakids.org](http://adoptpakids.org).

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 14,000 children in Pennsylvania who need a 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 and think fostering or adopting might be the right decision for you and your family, please call or find us on the web to **#MeetTheKids** and open your heart and your home.

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