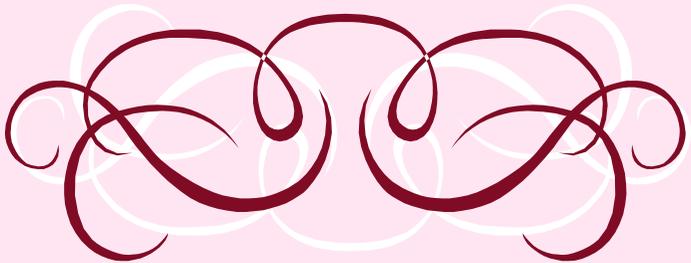


People who adopt are very special...

But from time-to-time, some of those families need assistance.
This is where the Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Children and Family Services comes in.

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*Post Adoption
Support Services*

Post Adoption Assistance

Adoption is a major "life event" for families and affects them in many ways. Most adoptions are successful and endure. The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), is aware that adoptive families may experience challenges after an adoption is final and may need support.

Support is key to achieving the goal of finding permanent, safe, stable, committed, and loving families for children. Parents need information that will strengthen their families and enable them to handle the challenges of adoptive parenting. DCFS provides assistance for adoptive families facing challenges, including:

- ♥ Adoption Subsidies & Medicaid if eligible
- ♥ Information & Referrals
- ♥ Adoption Education & Training
- ♥ Respite care
- ♥ Therapeutic Counseling
- ♥ Mental Health Services, both in-home and residential.
- ♥ Crisis Intervention services
- ♥ Resource Library
- ♥ Case Management
- ♥ Arkansas Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry (MCVAR)



To inquire about the services for which your family may be eligible, contact the State Adoptions Manager (contact information on back of brochure) who will discuss services we offer and make a referral to the Adoption Specialist who will assist families.

Adoption Subsidy

Adoption subsidies provide a federal or state-funded monthly payment to an adoptive family to assist in meeting the basic daily needs of a child. Medicaid is also available to provide mental health and medical services.

A child must meet eligibility requirements in order to qualify for a subsidy. A subsidy must be put in place prior to finalization. A subsidy continues if you move out of the state. To inquire about Adoption Subsidies, contact the DCFS State Adoption Manager, 501-682-8437.



Information and Referral

For information about resources for medical or mental health services, parenting information or training, financial assistance, or other special services provided, contact the State Adoption Manager.

Adoption Education and Training

Adoption education is ongoing at various sites statewide. The Mid-South Training Academy provides education for adoptive parents, foster parents, and prospective adoptive parents. To inquire about the training offered, contact your local DHS/DCFS Resource Specialist or the State Adoption Manager.

Case Management

Case management services help families identify and plan ongoing needed services. To inquire about case management services, contact the State Adoption Manager.

Resource Library

The DCFS Central Office Adoption Services Unit has a lending library of books, video and audio tapes available. You may contact the unit staff to request a list of available materials or a particular book or tape on the list. A list of suggested reading material can be found at the Arkansas Heart Gallery website: www.adoptarkansas.gov or call (501) 682-8462 direct or toll free at 1-888-736-2820.

Respite Care

Respite care gives children and families a break

from each other. The provider must be able to meet the needs of the child. If approved, respite care is available in a group home or shelter setting for up to seven (7) days of service every three (3) months. To inquire about respite care services and eligibility, contact the State Adoption Manager.

Arkansas Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry (MCVAR)

The Arkansas Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry is available to qualified persons in the adoption triad. Qualified individuals may register to be identified to each other or to receive a summary with non-identifying information about the genetic, health, and social history of adoptees placed by DHS/DCFS.

To inquire about the Arkansas Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry, please visit our website for adoptions at: www.adoptarkansas.org or call the Adoption Registry Coordinator at (501) 682-8762, or toll free at 1-888-736-2820.

