A History of Service

Wesley Family Services is a comprehensive human service agency that provides a wide variety of programs, services and activities for children, families, and adults living in the western Pennsylvania region. We remain committed to our mission...

To empower children, adults, and families by providing transformational care.

Our services are developed in accordance with national service organizations, the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, and the National Council for Community Behavioral Health and are accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Certification by the Council on Accreditation means that Wesley Family Services meets the highest national standards for professional performance in human services.

Personnel policies, procedures, and practices are designed and implemented to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

Empowering People. Strengthening Communities. Transforming the Future.

Every day, the caring, highly trained staff of Wesley Family Services empowers children, adults and families to overcome challenges so that they can be part of a stronger community with a brighter future. When you or a loved one needs help, we’ll be there.

For more information about the Families Outside Transportation program, call 412-458-6456

www.wfspa.org

Families Outside

Providing bus transportation to Pennsylvania’s State Correctional Institutions - helping the families and loved ones of inmates stay together, even when they’re apart.
Families Outside: Helping Maintain the Family Unit

When parents go to prison, children and families hurt. Families can split permanently and children of incarcerated parents are six times more likely to be imprisoned later in their lives than children who do not have a parent incarcerated.

How do we help them deal with the pain, embarrassment and stigma that comes from having a family member or loved one in prison? How do we break this cycle of crime?

Families Outside, a service of Wesley Family Services, is one answer. Families Outside provides a unique service to families of incarcerated men and women. We provide transportation services to Pennsylvania’s State Correctional Institutions and help children and adults develop the coping skills necessary to deal with the pain of having a loved one in the correctional system.

It is our belief that family members, especially children, need continued contact with their parents, even during incarceration.

Transportation Service

In order to help maintain the link between families and their incarcerated loved ones, Families Outside provides low cost transportation services to and from most State Correctional Institutions (SCI) throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With the help of state and private funding, Families Outside is able to provide highly affordable fares to these families.

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- Infants (age 0—4) ride free on both short and long trips.
- ID must be shown for all riders at time of trip.

These rates apply to ALL trips unless otherwise indicated. (Check for rate updates or schedule your trip visiting the Families Outside program on our webpage at www.wfsp.org.)

Prison Staff Liaison

Families Outside is available to assist families who need to make contact with the counselors, medical personnel, or administrators of the Commonwealth’s institutions.

Individual and Family Counseling

Families and individuals may utilize other therapeutic services provided by Wesley Family Services. Counseling is available to help families cope with the stressors of having a loved one incarcerated.

For more information about our counseling services, please contact Centralized Admissions at 412.885.7017.

State Correctional Institutions

Families Outside provides transportation to the following Pennsylvania State Correctional Institutions:

- Albion
- Benner
- Cambridge Springs
- Camp Hill
- Coal
- Dallas
- Fayette
- Forest
- Frackville
- Greene
- Houtzdale
- Huntingdon
- Laurel Highlands
- Mahanoy
- Mercer
- Muncy
- Phoenix
- Pine Grove
- Retreat
- Rockview
- Smithfield
- Somerset

Note: Contact Families Outside staff for any changes to this list.

For More Information

For more information on the Families Outside Transportation Program, please contact:

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