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.

Empowering Lives, Transforming Futures™

For more information about Foster Care and Adoption Services, call

412-342-2385

www.wfspa.org

Foster Care and Adoption Services

Caring people opening their hearts and homes to children, sibling groups and teens in need.

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The Need for Loving Families

In a typical year in Pennsylvania, more than 14,000 children reside in out-of-home care. In working towards meeting the needs of families and the community, Wesley Family Services recruits, trains, and supports foster families to provide care for these children while family challenges are resolved.

Foster families provide a loving, stable environment to children in out-of-home care. They are matched with children based on the families' identified strengths and ability to meet a child's unique needs. Foster families are vital members of each child's Permanency Team and are viewed as "Resources." All resource families are comprehensively trained and certified in an approval process overseen by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. They are supported by our foster care coordinators and connected to the therapeutic supports and services of all Wesley Family Services programs.

Many of the children entering foster care are successfully reunited with their birth families. When this is not possible, Wesley Family Services strives to provide permanency for that child or sibling group in the form of adoption or securing legal custodianship.

Becoming a Foster Parent

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, at the very beginning of the process, you will be connected to a foster care recruiter, who will help you with all the forms and answer all your questions. When you get started, it can seem a little overwhelming, but our recruiter has a lot of experience and will be there for you every step of the way. (For additonal information, please visit our Foster Care webpage at **fostercare.wfspa.org**.)

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Can be single, married, or cohabitating.
- Can have children or not have children.
- Must have a steady source of income.
- Wesley Family Services foster families are diverse in their household composition, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and geographic location.
- Your home must pass an on-site safety check.

Family Profile

Prospective foster parents will need to have a completed family profile, which Wesley Family Services provides. The profile is used to find the child, or children, who is the best match for your family. We'll have an in-person visit and talk about:

- Family history
- Work history
- Relationship history
- Life style
- Parenting philosophy
- Community resources

You will have a chance to read, review, and approve the profile before it is submitted.

Foster Care Office Locations

Wesley Family Services Placement Services work throughout Western Pennsylvania. Foster and Adoptive families are needed in all Western Pennsylvania counties. The following Wesley Family Services offices provide foster care and adoption services:

- 221 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221
- 26 South Main Street, Suite 150, Washington, PA 15301
- 521 Plymouth Street, Greensburg, PA 15601

For Additional Information

For additional information about becoming a family for foster care or adoption, please contact a Foster Care and Adoption team member at 412-342-2385.

Mi casa es su casa.
My home is your home.