## 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™*

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**1-800-585-7926**

**www.wfspa.org**

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Providing aftercare services and supports to families with finalized adoptions, legal custodianship agreements, and formal kinship agreements.

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At Wesley Family Services, our Post Permanency Services are designed to provide aftercare supports and services to Pennsylvania families with Finalized Adoptions, Legal Custodianship Agreements, and Formal Kinship Agreements. The aftercare supports and services are individually designed to support cohesiveness within the family setting while providing support to help stabilize presenting behaviors and issues. Our staff are experienced in working with issues related to kinship, legal custodianship and adoption. Our Post Permanency Services are designed to be flexible and cover:

- Assessment
- Counseling
- Respite
- Support

We provide aftercare supports through the internal array of services that we offer in the areas of education, behavioral health, autism, and family support services. Wesley Family Services participates in the Post Permanency Services offered through the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). As an affilitiate of SWAN, we provide Post Permanency Services on behalf of the SWAN network to an identified Permanency family. Identified Permanency families are:

- Families with finalized adoption
- Families with a formal custodianship agreement
- Families with formal kinship agreement

# Services Offered through SWAN

### Assessment

This involves a family assessment that helps the family identify presenting issues and dynamics. Information gleaned from the assessment is used to identify supports and interventions that are needed to support the family unit.

### Case Management and Advocacy

These are designed to ensure that the needs of the family are met. Efforts are focused on connecting the family with identified services and supports that are either offered by Wesley Family Services or though another community provider.

### Respite Services

Respite Services are designed to alleviate the pressures of parenting children with special needs through providing planned respite care in one of our certified foster homes, assisting in payment for special programs that will enhance the bond or family cohesiveness, or assisting in locating other respite opportunities. The plan is tailored to meet the needs of the family.

### Support Groups

Support groups are designed to connect the parent/caregiver with peer support. Information about existing support groups and training opportunities are shared to provide the opportunity for the parent/caregiver to share with others the difficulties and successes related to parenting a child through a Post Permanency option, i.e., adoption, legal custodianship, formal kinship care.

# Eligibility/Office Locations

Wesley Family Services Post Permanency Services are offered to families in the following counties in southwestern Pennsylvania:

- Allegheny
- Armstrong
- Beaver
- Fayette
- Greene
- Washington
- Westmoreland

Post Permanency Services are provided at the following Wesley Family Services office locations:

- Greensburg: 521 Plymouth Street
- Washington: 90 W. Chestnut, Suite 200EW
- Wilkinsburg: 221 Penn Avenue

# For Additional Information

Families interested in Post Permanency supports can call Wesley Family Services directly at 412-342-2385, or make a referral through the SWAN Helpline (1-800-585-7926) and request Wesley Family Services as the preferred provider.