

Post Adoption Services: Resources in Support of Adoptive Families

The special needs of adoptive families do not end at court finalization. Adoption issues may present at different stages of development as children enter school or adolescence. The seven year old may now have diagnosed learning disabilities or a teen may begin to ask many questions about his/her birth family and the circumstances of the adoptive placement.

Knowing that adoption-related issues may surface at any time for these families, Post Adoption Services is committed to providing the resources, information and services which strengthen and preserve adoptive families.

Whether it is leading monthly parent support groups, compiling a medical/social history from adoption records for an adoptee or reassessing a child's need for a specialized care rate, a seasoned social work member is available to adoptive families each day of the work week.

Any person (birth parent, adoptive parent or adoptee) who utilized adoption services through Los Angeles County dating from 1949 is eligible for services from PAS. These services include information, crisis counseling, referrals, AAP reassessments, facilitating birth family-adoptee reunions, Medi-Cal assistance and help with typical adoption issues.

Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Services

- AAP increases
- AAP funding for residential treatment placement for up to 18 months
- Initiating/re-starting AAP funding
- Family Preservation Services in selected areas of Los Angeles County
- AAP extensions for children over 18 years with mental or physical disabilities
- Medi-Cal/Medicaid assistance
- Help with Individualized Evaluation Program (IEP) process and educational advocacy
- Referrals to therapists, developmental specialists and other community resources

Resources Available Through Post Adoption Services:

- Information about birth parent background, medical history and circumstances of adoptive placement
- Assistance in filing consent for contact forms for birth parents and adoptees (over 18 years) and sibling waivers (adults over 21 years) for reunions
- Referrals for help in obtaining adoption decrees, social security card numbers, private adoption information and amended birth certificates
- General, non-identifying information about the adoptive family selected for a birth parent's birth child
- Opportunity for adoptive parents to participate in support groups held monthly throughout Los Angeles County

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