

We Are Here to Help

Families United Network provides:

- Free support, advocacy, and guidance throughout pregnancy
- Access to community resources
- Assistance in choosing an adoptive family



Adoption Office Locations



For more information, please contact Heather O'Neill, MSW, Private Adoption Supervisor at hnoneill@families4kids.org, adoption@families4kids.org or (717) 492-9338.



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What Makes Us Different?

- **Support and Guidance:** While experiencing this pregnancy, our staff will be there to provide you with support and guidance every step of the way.
- **Knowledge and Resources:** We are here to assist you in identifying the best way forward, offering the resources and knowledge you need to make the most informed decision for you and your future.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Services are conducted in a non-biased, non-judgmental, and strictly confidential manner so that you can make an informed decision.
- **Clarity and Comfort:** You will feel heard, valued and uplifted no matter which path you choose – adoption or parenting.

Can I Change My Mind?

- We are available throughout your pregnancy to assist you in making the right decision
- No legal paperwork will be signed until after the birth
- You are the one who decides if your baby is adopted and which family will adopt them
- In Pennsylvania, birth parents must wait at least 72 hours, after birth, before they can sign a consent to adopt, which is followed by a 30 day period during which they can change their mind.

What Supports Are There For Me?

- If you choose to parent, we will connect you with the community resources needed
- If you choose adoption, we will assist you in selecting a family that will provide a permanent, loving, and stable home

What Contact Will I Have with the Family and My Baby?

The amount of contact between the birth family and the adoptive family depends on what you both find comfortable. There are two options – a closed adoption and an open adoption.

- A **“closed adoption”** refers to a placement where little to no confidential information is shared.
- An **“open adoption”** is broader. It means the birth family meets with the adoptive parents before the birth. After birth, they sometimes send texts, letters, and photos, or they even make scheduled visits.

