

## WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

When adopting a child from the foster care system, costs for a family are minimal. Attorney fees are usually paid by the county that has custody of the child. There are no fees for the family profile or coordination of the adoption finalization. The adoptive family is responsible for providing a complete physical for each applicant.

The majority of children are eligible for an adoption subsidy which might include a daily reimbursement, as well as medical coverage. In most cases, this subsidy will continue until the adopted child reaches age 18.

For private adoptions, the adoptive family is responsible for the following costs:

- *Child abuse clearance*
- *Criminal history clearance*
- *A Complete physical for each applicant*
- *Adoption family profile*
- *Attorney fees*
- *Other related adoption paperwork*

## WHAT SERVICES DOES BETHANNA PROVIDE?

Foster Parent Adoption  
Special Needs Adoption  
Private Adoption  
Orientation and Ongoing Training  
Family Profiles  
Family Profile Updates  
Matching Services  
Child Profiles  
Child-Specific Recruitment  
Child Preparation  
Resource Library  
Support Groups  
Coordination of Adoption Finalization  
Post-Adoption Services

For more information, contact:



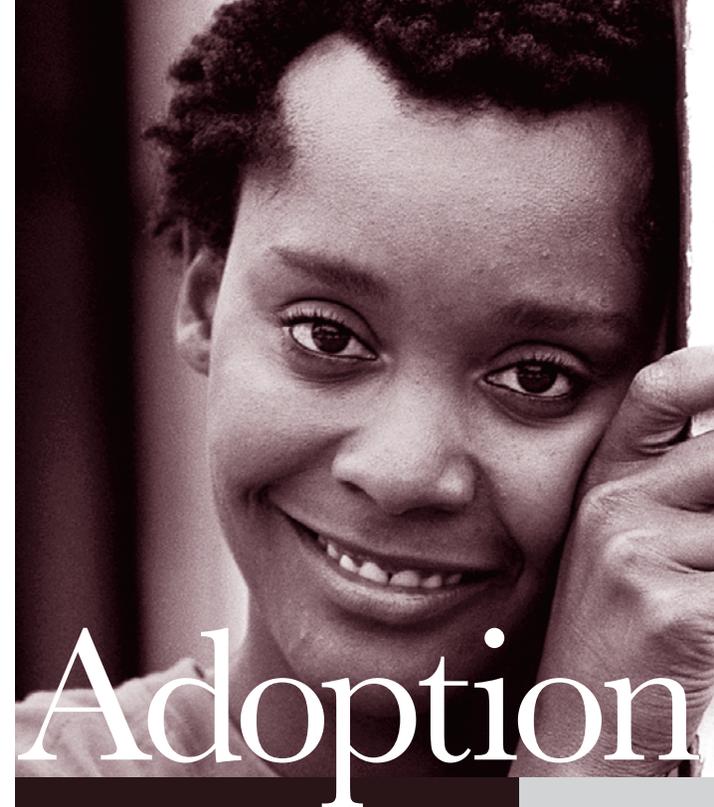
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# Adoption

## Bethanna

**SERVING CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES SINCE 1934**



*Recognizing some families are not able to provide stable and secure homes for their children, Bethanna offers Adoption Services to find families for these children. Our agency is part of a cooperative effort of adoption service providers across Pennsylvania, known as the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). Bethanna works with families regardless of age, race, gender, religion, marital or economic status.*

## **WHO ARE THE CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION?**

The majority are considered special needs children who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A sibling group placed together
- Age five and older
- Members of a minority group
- Living with emotional, physical or learning disabilities
- Infants and toddlers at risk of a disability due to genetic or environmental factors



**These children need and deserve families who can:**

- Set clear boundaries and provide structure
- Give constant love even if a child does not respond
- Appreciate small steps in growth
- Be flexible and forgiving
- Be committed to a life-long relationship
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment, meeting a child's educational, social, emotional and economic needs

## **HOW DO I KNOW IF ADOPTION IS APPROPRIATE FOR ME?**

Bethanna works with families seeking to adopt children who are either:

- In the custody of a county children and youth agency
- Available through private adoption

We invite you to attend our orientation sessions. During these sessions, videos, group discussion and instruction explore how foster care and adoption affects children and their families. An adoption worker will help you assess whether adoption is the right option for you.

## **HOW DO I BECOME MATCHED WITH A SPECIFIC CHILD?**

Bethanna provides assistance in assessing the type of child who would be appropriate for you. If your family profile is approved, we will provide matching services.



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