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Family.

It is a word that can have many meanings.



At Diakon Adoption & Foster Care, we work to translate it into permanency and stability for the countless children who wait for adoptive or foster families to call their own. That is why we are committed to uniting these children with families ready to share a life-changing experience—the gift of family.

Each year in Pennsylvania 20,000 children enter foster care, of those 1,300 children have no identified family and wait for the most basic need—a family. 1,000 children each year age out of the foster care system lacking the permanent connections that they need in life to be successful throughout their adult lives.

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care offers many services with an emphasis on adoption services for children identified as having special needs. Children are identified as having special needs if they meet one or more of these criteria:

- Children five years of age or older
- Sibling groups placed with one adoptive family
- Children with emotional, intellectual, social, mental, or physical challenges
- Minority children.

Diakon administers Pennsylvania’s Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN), a program that assists with adoptions of children with special needs. Through SWAN, adoptive families pay limited fees for special needs adoptions. In addition, continuing state financial support may be given to adoptive families.

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