

Every Youth deserves a family!

Eligibility for OCMI Services:

- ◆ Youth who are 10 years of age or older
- ◆ Youth with the primary goal of adoption and legally free-unless the dependency court will not terminated parental rights until an adoptive resource has been identified.
- ◆ Youth must be eligible for Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange (PAE) registration
- ◆ Sibling groups that meet eligibility requirements; only 1 youth must be 10

MONTHLY REPORTS ARE SENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY



Referrals:

**FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVE!**

**COUNTY
INITIATED**

**MADE VIA SWAN
PORTAL**

Instructions located:
SWAN Portal User
Guide-County

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IT'S ALL WE DO!

SWAN Older Child Matching Initiative (OCMI)

FAST FACTS

OCMI provides:

- ◆ PAE registration/update CY130
- ◆ Collaboration with team/CSR worker
- ◆ Monthly Contact with youth
- ◆ Attend team meetings/court
- ◆ Read Family profiles/attend interviews
- ◆ Advocate for additional services
- ◆ Explore connections
- ◆ Youth driven recruitment activities
- ◆ Flyer co-created by youth
- ◆ Matching Moments
- ◆ Matching events/match parties
- ◆ Waiting Child TV Segments, Radio Interviews, assist with professional photos

SINCE IT'S INCEPTION IN 2008, 52% OF YOUTH SERVED HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENCY

**STATE FUNDED
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**MATCHES OLDER
YOUTH WITH
ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

**INVOLVES
INTENSIVE
RECRUITMENT**



FREE SERVICE!

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Bethanna
Family Pathways
Project STAR