

SWAN Units of Service

Why Refer CHILD PROFILE?

A Child Profile is a comprehensive summary of the child's life history, current functioning and special needs

Eligibility:

- It can be referred for all youth in county children and youth agency (CCYA) legal custody who are in out-of-home care, regardless of their permanency goal.

Benefits:

- Organizes child's information so trends, patterns, needs and connections are identified;
- Provides critical information to potential families and can assist with selecting a resource family;
- Becomes resource for child (may be given to youth aged 14 and older) providing a summary so they can review the sequence of their time in out of home care;
- Useful tool for Child Preparation and Child Specific Recruitment—The profile creates a history to assist in identifying connections and supports for a child by reviewing past and existing relationships; and
- Affiliates can upload the profile to the Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry (PAIR).

Why Refer CHILD PREPARATION?

Child Preparation is a service that is youth-focused and driven with the intention to help youth make the transition to any permanency goal selected for them.

Eligibility:

- It can be referred for all youth in CCYA legal custody who are in out-of-home care, regardless of their permanency goal and can be referred as many times as deemed appropriate.

Benefits:

- The preparation work explores core issues of youth in out-of-home placement: grief and loss, abandonment, identity, control, loyalty, attachment and shame.
- It is used in hopes of preventing placement disruption, reducing the time to reach the permanency goal and providing youth with insights and positive connections to increase their success after leaving placement.

Why Refer Child Specific Recruitment (CSR)?

CSR services are used to locate and develop a permanent family or other individuals who can serve as permanent connections for youth.

Eligibility:

- CSR can be referred for all youth in CCYA legal custody who are in out-of-home care, regardless of their permanency goal and are in need of a permanent family resources or permanent connections.

Benefits:

- Uses specific recruitment activities to increase chances of identifying a permanent resource or connection for the youth.
- Can help identify and develop connections and supports for older youth as they transition into young adulthood.
- Supports county efforts to identify and engage relatives and kin to be permanent resources and connections for youth.

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Why Refer FAMILY PROFILE?

This unit of service includes orientation, family preparation (training), and completion of the Family Approval Document, which contains information and documentation required in order to finalize permanency.

Eligibility:

- This service is available to any family who is interested in being considered as a permanency resource to a youth in the legal custody of a CCYA.

Benefits:

- Provides county with consistent presentation to simplify the review and selection of a permanent family for a youth.
- The Family Profile contains documentation of required data such as clearances, as well as descriptions of the applicant's motivation to adopt, family strengths, and resources.
- Family preparation process assists in educating families regarding the needs of youth in out of home care, and offers opportunities for growth and development.

Why Refer CHILD PLACEMENT?

Placement services include all activities required to transition a youth into a pre-adoptive family.

Eligibility:

- The youth must have a goal of adoption and the family must have an approved SWAN Family Profile.
- Families who already have an identified child (foster/adopt) or youth with goals of permanent legal custodianship (PLC) are not eligible.

Benefits:

- Facilitates coordination of pre-placement visits, as well as follow up.
- Provides support for the family and development of a plan to meet needs of all family members
- Ensures services are identified and implemented prior to the child's placement in the home

Why Refer FINALIZATION?

Finalization services include activities and supportive services provided to the youth and pre-adoptive family prior to the adoption finalization hearing.

Eligibility:

- The youth must have a goal of adoption and the family must have an approved SWAN Family Profile.

Benefits:

- Includes supportive services, home visits, safety assessments, and supervisory reports to assist the family and youth as they transition to adoption.
- Collaboration with attorneys, county and courts to complete legal requirements.

Why Encourage Families to Access Post-permanency Services?

Post-permanency services provide ongoing support to permanent families to ensure their ongoing success.

Eligibility:

- Available to any family residing in PA who has adopted, provided formal kinship care, or provided PLC.
- Families self-refer by calling the SWAN Helpline **1-800-585-SWAN (7926)**.

Benefits:

- Post-permanency services are free and can prevent re-entry into foster care.
- Offers the option of support through Case Assessment/Management, Respite and/or Support Group.