

## About Community Services Group

Since 1972 Community Services Group (CSG) has been dedicated to providing quality, community-based mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services throughout Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania. With nearly 1,800 employees, CSG has developed a spectrum of specialized programs to meet the needs of the individuals we serve.

Our programs and services include adult mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, children's mental health and autism services. We believe that these services, in conjunction with a caring, dignified setting, promote growth and provide opportunities for the individuals in our programs to reach their full potential.

We are committed to and take pride in providing services which empower individuals and promote independence and wellness.



Susan C. Blue, President/CEO

CSG is the preferred choice for individuals and referral sources because of CSG's network of comprehensive mental health, intellectual and developmental disability (IDD), and children services and its commitment to empowering individuals and promoting independence and wellness.



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### Adoption and Permanency Program

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## Adoption and Permanency

### *Hope, Healing, Family*

Community Services Group believes that every child deserves a permanent, loving family. Yet, learning how to be a family can take time, planning, expertise, and resources. CSG Adoption and Permanency Program provides highly personalized and professional services to meet individual challenges as children and families experience the joys of being a family.

### *Preparation, Education, and Support*

Maintaining permanency is lifelong and can impact a child and family's development. CSG Adoption and Permanency Program helps children and families know what to expect during the entire adoption or permanency process, work through periods of adjustment and change, and feel assured they have someone to turn to for support long after the paperwork is completed.

### *Families...*

- *Teach children to have faith in others, trust, and gain a sense of belonging.*
- *Are best suited to support children as they grow into adults and become parents to the next generation.*
- *Are resilient and able to work through change.*
- *Build relationships that last a life time.*



## Permanency Opportunities

### *The Promise of a Future*

Children dream about being loved and belonging to a family. However, many vulnerable children have lost their dreams from experiencing abuse, neglect, trauma, troubling behaviors, or multiple caregivers or placements. Regardless of the children's path, many hold on to the promise of being part of a family. CSG's services help children find that promise.

**Adoption and Permanency Services** provide support for the child and/or adoptive/resource family. Services include placement supervision, home visits, completion of required reports, working with attorneys and courts to facilitate an adoption in a timely manner, and the provision of post permanency support.

**Foster-to-Adopt Services** involve the placement of children who may or may not return to their birth family. Placements are determined by the child's County Children and Youth Agency and are generally for older waiting children. Families may be eligible for a monthly subsidy that is determined by the special needs of the child and the placing agency.

**Pennsylvania Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network (SWAN)** As a SWAN affiliate, CSG provides SWAN services to assist in the adoption and permanency of a child with special needs. Services facilitate Foster-to-Adopt placements or help children return to their birth families, transition to a kinship placement, or gain permanent legal custodianship.

**Independent Adoption Services** include the completion of a home study and post-placement services for families who have identified their own child-placing agency. Fees are assessed for related services and requirements of the placement agency must be followed.

*CSG services are provided in a nondiscriminatory manner, without regard to, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, veteran status, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), ancestry, and disability.*

## Adoptive / Resource Parents



### *Weaving a Tapestry*

Families play an important role in shaping a child's life. Families build relationships and bonds that weave throughout a child's life time to create an amazing success. Families looking to expand their family through any permanency opportunity can help a child find his way home and reach his true potential.

To begin the journey, families complete an extensive educational training, adoption application, interviews, and develop a detailed profile. Through these efforts and the program's continuous support, families gain a better understanding of what to expect as their family grows.

Adoptive / Resource parents must:

- Be 21 years of age.
- Obtain and maintain current FBI, criminal background checks and child abuse clearances.
- Complete the home study / family profile.
- Be compassionate, flexible, committed to children, and demonstrate a willingness to work with the child's family and/or other service providers.



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