



NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENHANCED Post-Adoption Support

Building the Capacity of States, Territories and Tribal Nations to Meet the Needs of Children and Families Who Have Adopted or Obtained Guardianship

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The Post-Adoption Center is a hub for universal and on-site technical assistance and other resources to build the capacity of states, tribal nations and territories (sites) to develop, implement and sustain comprehensive, community responsive and accessible post-permanency services.



The Post-Adoption Center provides access to various resources that will enable sites to provide practical services to families that have achieved permanency through adoption and guardianship. Services provided by the Post-Adoption Center are free of charge, collaborative and driven by community engagement. They include:



Comprehensive Resource Library

Child welfare professionals at the sites can access tools, documents, tip sheets, articles, podcasts and other materials about post-permanency services to enhance their programming.



Universal Technical Assistance

Site personnel have access to peer groups, quarterly center chats, webinars and individualized assistance to help them find resources and specific information related to post-permanency services, such as information about another site's post-permanency programming.



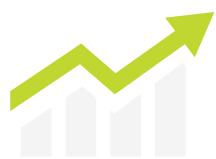
On-site Technical Assistance

Sites can partner with the Post-Adoption Center to enhance their post-permanency continuums.

Fast Facts

25 states, tribal nations and territories will receive on-site technical assistance.

Every year during the five-year project, the Post-Adoption Center will identify five sites as partners and will provide them with on-site technical assistance. Through these partnerships, each site will undergo a post-permanency program assessment. The assessment will identify what services are in place and what services need to be added to provide comprehensive services for children and families who need more intensive support. The Post-Adoption Center team members will then partner with the site to implement and develop a sustainability plan. Each site will receive funding to cover some of the costs associated with this work.



Increased Permanency Rates

Child welfare systems have taken great strides to increase their permanency rates. As more children and youth achieve permanency, offering a comprehensive array of post-permanency services has become vital for child welfare systems. Research has shown that post-permanency services have led to:

- fewer disruptions,
- improved parenting skills and understanding of children and youth's challenges,
- higher levels of family functioning and cohesion,
- fewer emotional and behavioral problems of children and youth, and
- increased parental ability to cope with those challenges if they persist.

Contact the Post-Adoption Center

Interested in the on-site technical assistance or just want to learn more about how the Post-Adoption Center can help your site, contact us at:



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