



NEW ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN

New Alternatives for Children, Inc. (NAC) is an incorporated New York State not-for-profit health and child welfare agency providing comprehensive services for children with severe disabilities and chronic illnesses. NAC's unique approach provides a comprehensive, multidisciplinary continuum of care that meets the needs of the entire family.

Our professional staff consists of masters-level Social Workers, Physicians, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Mental Health Clinicians, Nurses, CASACs, Parent Advocates, Education Specialists, Recreational Associates, and Vocational and Resource Specialists. Together, we collaborate with families to provide support and services needed to achieve safety, stability, and independent family functioning.

ADOPTION AND KINSHIP SUPPORT

Families are encouraged to contact us with simple questions or to obtain help with more complex issues.

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EMPOWERING BRIGHTER FUTURES
for children with special healthcare needs



SUPPORTING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF PRE AND POST ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

NAC's Adoption and Kinship Support Program offers children and families being formed through adoption or guardianship, a place where they can find the support, advocacy, information, and a range of professional health and social services needed to help them **create or maintain a successful and permanent home**.

Each program, **Post Adoption Legal Network**, **Post Permanency Support Program**, and **Family Permanency Center** are designed to meet the needs of children in various stages of the adoption process.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

Post Legal Adoption Network

- Provides pre-adoption and post-adoption services.

Post Permanency Support Program

- Children and families who are within 90-days of exiting the NYC foster care system via adoption or kinship guardianship.
- Children who have already been adopted or exited foster care to kinship guardianship via the NYC foster care system and their families.

Family Permanency Center

- Adoptive Families who have finalized the adoption of their child. This includes private placement adoptions and international adoptions.
- Kinship Families who have no formal legal designation, custody or legal guardianship/KinGAP of their child.

FAMILIES WILL:

Receive invaluable support services and advocacy to strengthen the entire family and enable children to reach for and realize their potential.

Learn about adoption and guardianship family resources and how to advocate for yourself and your child.

Connect with other families to share parenting concerns and challenges; and receive encouragement and support.

ON-SITE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Information, Advocacy and Referral
- Case Management and In-Home Support
- Education Support and Advocacy
- Family and Individual Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Support Groups
- Recreational Activities
- Pediatric and Developmental Services
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Program
- Psychological/Behavioral Assessments
- Mental Health & Medical Services