

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, 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 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 formed through adoption or kinship care, 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** and **Family Permanency Center** are designed to meet the needs of children at various stages of the adoption and kinship process.





WHAT SERVICES DOES AKS OFFER?

- Case management and in-home support
- Information, referral and/or advocacy for entitlements, housing and legal services.
- Education support and advocacy
- Submits referrals to NAC programs and/or community providers based on family need
- Crisis intervention
- Monthly support groups for parents and youth
- Access to recreational activities
- Permanency planning
- Address common issues in adoptive and kinship families by promoting healthy family relationships.
- Mental health services

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.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

NAC's Adoption and Kinship Support Program is dedicated to supporting adoptive and kinship families by providing a range of **voluntary services** tailored to each family's needs. Services are available in both English and Spanish and are offered across all five boroughs to support the entire family.

Post Legal Adoption Network

- Provides pre-adoption and post-adoption services.

Family Permanency Center

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