Catholic Social Services of Lansing/ St Vincent Home
Adoption – From At-Risk — to Safe — to Thriving

Activities

- Recruitment of families and orientation to the adoption process
- A family assessment is completed for applicants
- Foster and adoptive parent training for prospective adoptive parents to increase understanding of special needs of children available for adoption
- Adoptive families are prepared to provide a safe emotional environment to children

Initial Outcomes

- Adoptive families are able to understand the adoptive family assessment process and the legal process of adoption
- Families believe emotional well-being is important
- Families understand and learn strategies to achieve resiliency, positive identity and to positively express feelings and emotions
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Intermediate Outcomes

- Ability to make essential life decisions
- Ability to ask for help when needed or offered
- Families with the ability to cope with tension and anxiety
- Capacity to adapt to change and adversity
- Capacity to find creative and constructive outlets
- Ability to feel, give and receive love
- Ability to channel feelings constructively
- Ability to positively relate to others
- Ability to establish mutually satisfying relationships
- Capacity to embrace strengths and abilities
- Ability to accept limitations
- Ability to take responsibility for self
- Ability to engage in meaningful activities

Long-term Outcomes

- Families who are resilient
- Families who express feeling and emotion
- Families that are emotionally healthy
- Families who have a positive identity
- Children that are permanently residing with emotionally healthy families.

Recruitment of families and orientation to the adoption process

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Activities
- A family assessment is completed for applicants
- Prospective families are educated on available community resources and to those delivered by the agency
- Introduction of the child to the family and pre-placement visits facilitated, if needed
- Supervision of placement provided if required

Initial Outcomes
- Families who believe physical well-being is important
- Families who understand and learn strategies to achieve physical well being
- Adoptive applicants develop a recognition of the availability and importance of family supports.
- Adoptive parents utilize resources in the community, such as therapy, respite care, support groups, medical systems and the use of subsidies to maintain the stability of the home.
- Adoptive families are prepared to provide a safe physical environment to children.

Intermediate Outcomes
- Live in affordable housing. Able to secure home, feels safe in neighborhood
- Has enough food to satisfy hunger. Eats three meals a day.
- Can get medical care when needed. Sound, basic health, fitness, hygiene practices; seeks timely treatment.
- Income sufficient to meet basic family needs.
- Consistent levels of school attendance. Children participate in education as directed.
- Realistic rules, manageable conflict. Children usually happy, outgoing, little violence or aggression.
- Positive extended family or community support.
- Members physically safe, emotionally secure, seek to change negative habits. Follow the law with minor infractions. Can advocate for self and family with assistance. Can identify and access resources with assistance.
- Families successfully complete the adoption process.

Long-term Outcomes
- Families who meet their shelter needs
- Families who meet their nutritional needs
- Families who meet their health care needs.
- Families who meet their income/budget needs
- Families who meet their children’s educational needs.
- Families who meet their children’s parenting needs
- Families who establish and maintain family relations.
- Families who possess social skills.
- Families that are physically healthy
- Children that are permanently residing with physically healthy families
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Activities                   Initial Outcomes                  Intermediate Outcomes                  Long-term Outcomes

Families believe spiritual well-being is important

Families understand and learn strategies to achieve spiritual balance, growth, journey and relationships

Individuals and families who seek reconciliation
Individuals and families who have some sense of personal effectiveness
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Families who are growing spiritually
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Individuals and families who nurture relationships
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Children that are permanently residing with emotionally and physically healthy families

Post Adoption services including search and reunion are provided upon request

Families successfully complete the adoption process.

Families that are spiritually healthy

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