

ABOUT NAC



New Alternatives for Children Inc., (NAC) is a New York State not-for-profit health and child welfare agency providing services for families impacted by mental illness, substance abuse, and medical and developmental disabilities. Our unique approach provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary continuum of care that meets the needs of the entire family. Our professional staff consists of master-level Social Workers, Physicians, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Mental Health Clinicians, Nurses, Parent Advocates, Educational Specialists, Recreational Associates, and Resource Specialists. Together we collaborate with families to provide support and services needed to achieve safety, stability, and independent family functioning.



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

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**NAC FAMILY
PERMANENCY
CENTER**
**for adoptive and
guardianship families**

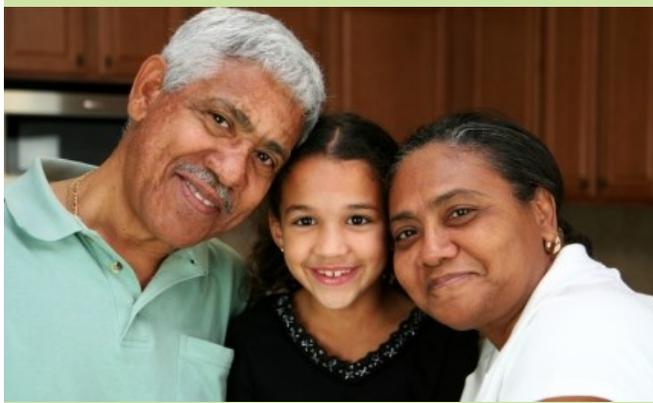


OPENING DOORS
TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

Supporting the unique needs of Post-Adoptive & Post-Guardianship Families.

The NAC Family Permanency Center offers families 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 and/or maintain successful and permanent home.

NAC's staff of social workers, therapists, nurses, doctors, and educational specialists understand the unique needs, issues and concerns that adoptive and guardianship families' experience. In addition, NAC has a long history of providing services to families that are caring for children with special medical and mental health conditions and children affected by trauma. Our staff will work with each family to meet their unique needs and to support the entire family's well-being, resilience, and permanency.



Who is eligible for services?

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES who have finalized the adoption of their child. This includes private placement adoptions and international adoptions.

GUARDIANSHIP FAMILIES, including Kinship caregivers who have legal guardianship of the child and an approved KinGAP agreement or families with legal guardianship without a KinGAP agreement.

ADOPTIVE OR GUARDIANSHIP FAMILIES caring for a child who has experienced trauma, has a chronic or complex medical condition, a physical disability, developmental disability, or behavioral health issues.

We work with all types of adoptive and guardianship families: married couples, unmarried couples, LGBTQ couples, single women and men, and families of all ages, income levels, ethnicities, and religions.

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, such as legal assistance, educational and financial planning; recreation and camps; 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
- Respite Activities
- Pediatric and Developmental Services
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Program
- Psychological/behavioral assessments
- Mental Health & Medical Services