HISTORY & OVERVIEW
Child & Family Services has been serving the community since 1843. We are a comprehensive agency offering a wide range of counseling and community support services. These include specialty clinics, individual, group and family therapy, psychological testing, psychiatric consultation, adoption services and community youth support.

Child & Family Services’ commitment is to serve the community with the highest respect and professionalism.

Adoption Journeys is committed to providing culturally and linguistically adoption-competent services to families and children.

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NORTHEAST & METRO REGION
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Lawrence, MA 01843
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CENTRAL REGION
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Worcester, MA 01604
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Florence, MA 01062
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ADOPTION JOURNEYS

POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES IN MASSACHUSETTS
1 (800) 97-CARE-4
1 (800) 972-2734

Child & Family Services’ mission is “...to heal and strengthen the lives of children and families.”

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Adoption Journeys provides post-adoption services to families throughout Massachusetts. This program is the result of collaboration between the public and private sector, adoptive families and child welfare agencies.

Families formed through adoption and guardianship hold unique dynamics, strengths and challenges. Adoption Journeys is the specialized service designed to respond to these in a supportive way. Post-adoption services can be essential to help adoptive families embrace their new family identity. These services are especially important for families who face challenges after their adoptions are finalized.

Supportive services are provided in a family-centered manner with all services being consumer driven. All services are voluntary, with a family choosing when and how to participate.

A family should not feel alone when confronted with perplexing or worrisome issues. Families need not wait until a major problem has occurred before asking for assistance.

Adoption Journeys offers a range of support groups for parents and adopted children. Support Groups provide opportunities for members to meet with others to explore common concerns and interests. Regular meetings allow adults and children to share common experiences, learn from, and support each other. Adoption Journeys provides group services through the regional offices and by partnering with other agencies and organizations. Examples of groups offered by Adoption Journeys include: Adoptive Parent Support Groups; Psycho-Educational Parent Groups; Children’s Groups; Adolescent Groups.

Telephone support is available to families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through this toll free number: 1-800-97-CARE-4 (800-972-2734). Professionals can also call this line to connect directly with staff. The following can be provided in response to a call: Information, Brief Assessment, Risk Identification, Referral and Follow-up.

Having a service provider who can acknowledge a family's stress, strengths, and resources, including the unique perspective of adoption, can make a world of difference. This service offers families brief, adoption-focused home-based counseling, as well as advocacy and coordination of services. Areas of attention can include discussion about birth family, identity issues, parent support, understanding trauma and loss, and navigating complex systems to name a few. Staff can also participate in meetings with schools, courts, and other community providers. Regional Response Team services can vary greatly across families and across time, as they are tailored to a family's current need.

Sometimes there is nothing like hearing “I’ve been there” from someone who has. Adoption Journeys staff can facilitate direct parent to parent or family to family connections. Liaisons offer family members a meaningful experience of support. Liaisons are matched as closely as possible to the needs, expectations, and culture of a family's unique circumstances.

Adoption Journeys offers trainings and consultations to professionals interested in enhancing their work with adopted children and their families. These consultations are tailored to the need of the organization and have the goal of enhancing adoption awareness of community service providers.

Adoption Journeys also presents Training for Adoption Competency (TAC) in collaboration with MARE and Walker. TAC is an intensive training course for clinicians who wish to deepen their understanding of adoption.