

# The PARKA Adoption Program

Equipping families to make a difference in the life of a waiting child

Preparation for  
Adoption  
Readiness for  
Kids in  
Alaska



The PARKA program is a small, dynamic adoption program that equips ten families from Anchorage and Mat Su a year to adopt and parent legally free children from the Alaska foster care system.



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## The PARKA Difference

### *We connect healing families with waiting children.*

There are children in the foster care system who need adoptive families. They need families with love and commitment and dedication. The preparation and support provided through this program are provided at no cost to encourage families to make the commitment to a waiting child in Alaska.

### *We invest in your success.*

We want you to be successful! PARKA families receive over 50 hours of training on topics relating to foster care, adoption, family expectations and trauma. All PARKA families are licensed and home studied as part of the program

### *We support you every step of the way.*

From the first steps to six months post adoption, we work with you to provide support, training and guidance.

### *What do the children need from you?*

A willingness to learn trust based parenting skills, commitment and love. A willingness to say “yes” to the challenges and joys of parenting and raising a child who comes from difficult beginnings.

**Ready to make a  
difference  
in the life of a child?**

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## The **PARKA** Program has Five Phases to a successful adoption!

**1**

### **Adoption Learning Path**

Phase 1 provides a solid foundation of knowledge of the OCS system and the core issues of adoptive parenting through a series of trainings, including the skills based TBRI (Trust Based Relational Interventions) .

**2**

### **Home Study/Family Profile**

After finishing coursework, the family progresses to Phase 2. A home study referral is made and the family completes their PARKA Family Profile.

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### **Matching**

In Phase 3, families will be introduced to statewide adoption staff through their PARKA profile. In this phase, family will have the opportunity to learn about specific children and begin to gather information to answer the question, "are we the right family for this child?"

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### **Placement through Finalization**

Phase 4 helps the youth and family prepare for finalization including child specific training, weekly check in with PARKA staff, subsidy training and support.

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### **Post Adoption Support**

We work with you after finalization to provide adoption support, referrals and assistance as your family moves forward to become a cohesive family unit.

## **Core Values of the PARKA Program**

**PARKA** is fiercely committed to the long term success of our families and children.

**PARKA** mentors and supports a family, from first steps to finalization and beyond.

**PARKA** is committed to excellence and provides education and training based on best practices.

**PARKA** helps families become the parents that children from hard places need.

**PARKA** is committed to speaking the truth in everything we do.

**PARKA** believes that trauma occurs in relationship and can be healed in relationship.



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