

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.

3

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?"

4

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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