



Allegheny County Department of Human Services Helpful Resources

Foster Care Agencies

Agencies in the City of Pittsburgh

Cayuga Centers

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Cayuga Centers is a nationally accredited and awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit, human services agency headquartered in Auburn, NY. Cayuga Centers has demonstrated over 20 years of continued success as a provider through its Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) programs across the nation in states such as Delaware, Florida, and New York. The opening of the program in Pittsburgh in 2021 marks the next step in the expansion of the agency's evidence-based foster care programming. Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) is a research-informed, multi-tiered team approach to rebuilding family relationships and is a pillar program at Cayuga Centers. In the program, foster youth receive bundled services – a safe home, counseling, case management, and life skills education.. Youth in the program are placed with licensed and trained foster parents while undergoing intensive individual and family therapy, with the goal of returning home as quickly and safely as possible. As a leading and longstanding provider of evidence-based services, Cayuga Centers specializes in providing individualized, culturally appropriate, and trauma-informed support to diverse populations. This program is designed to serve youth ages 0-21 who have specialized needs and require behavioral support. We would love to answer any questions you have about becoming a foster parent!

Every Child, Inc.

1425 Forbes Avenue, Suite 300 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Contact Sydney Rabinovitz at 412-665-0600 x 204

Every Child, Inc. is committed to providing services that meet the holistic needs of children and their families. In addition to offering family support and wellness services, education services and clinical and nonclinical interventions, we are a specialized foster care agency that services children from birth to 21 years of age. Our agency is affiliated with the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network and all of our families are certified to provide foster care and adoptive services. With the help of workers, families are able to choose which type of service they feel most comfortable providing. Families are offered support through regular home visits, linkage to support systems, connections to a foster family mentor, support in community services, and regular training and family support groups.

Pressley Ridge

2611 Stayton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Contact Helene Welling at 412-442-2084

At Pressley Ridge, it is our mission to do “whatever it takes to create success for children and families.” Our Foster Care Connections are designed to provide nurturing home environments for children and youth. We offer training, in-home support, 24/7 access to our supportive staff, planned respite services for when foster families need a break, and a competitive monthly stipend for the child’s care. By working as a team, we help kids thrive within a safe and supportive environment. We know that foster parents work hard to provide the love, care, structure, and supervision that are essential to ensuring a child’s health, safety, and welfare. So we work hard to support our foster families. In a recent survey, 95% of our foster parents reported being overall “satisfied” or “very satisfied.” Become part of the Pressley Ridge family. Learn more about becoming a foster parent today! LGBTQ singles and couples welcome.

TRAC Services for Families (formerly Three Rivers Adoption Council)

1600 W. Carson Street, Gateway View Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Contact Ja-Neen Jones at 412-471-8722

Since 1979, TRAC Services for Families (formerly Three Rivers Adoption Council) has worked so that no child will have to face a life without permanency. TRAC is viewed statewide as the highest quality provider of innovative family-focused foster care and adoption services with an emphasis on African-American and special needs children. In order to support our families and children, TRAC offers a number of programs with a culturally-aware and trauma-focused approach: adoption resources, child preparation, child profiles, post-adoption services, support groups and respite. TRAC’s Family Connections department offers outpatient therapies – family therapy, individual therapy, and Therapeutic Supervised Visitation (TSV). TSV promotes reunification with a child’s birth family and provides family visitation in a structured, nonjudgmental environment for parents and a safe nurturing environment for children, as they actively engage in the process of re-building and repairing family relationships. TRAC is truly a full-service agency that helps you through the foster and/or adoption process.

Three Rivers Youth

6117 Broad Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Contact Channing Brown at 412-865-9393

Three Rivers Youth is an independent not-for-profit child welfare agency advancing a mission to preserve and unite families, combat homelessness, enhance educational opportunities and build life skills for at-risk youth. For the past 135 years, Three Rivers Youth has worked with abused, neglected, at-risk, homeless, and runaway youth and their families. The purpose of the Foster Care Program is to serve the needs of children from birth to 18 with placement within a secure and nurturing family environment. Services are provided to ensure safety, stability, and growth opportunities for children who have been removed from their families of origin for various reasons. The program utilizes principles of strategic family therapy when working with birth families, resource families and/or foster children to promote resiliency. The program attempts to reunify children with their families if possible or to develop a concurrent permanency plan, such as adoption if appropriate.