Families created by adoption struggle with a wide range of challenges, including family/social adjustment, lying, stealing, aggression, sexual acting-out, and various emotional and behavioral difficulties. Many children experience peer problems, poor performance in school and moderate to severe attachment difficulties. We are here to help parents and their children address these concerns.
ELIGIBILITY
Our services are open to any family with one or more children through adoption or subsidized guardianship who are under the age of 18. Families must be residents of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Grundy, Kendall, McHenry, Kankakee and Will Counties.

In the event of a waiting list, priority will be given to former youth in care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

FEES
There is no cost to families for this program. These services are funded by a grant from DCFS. Additional funding is provided by Metropolitan Family Services, a beneficiary of the United Way, and by private sources.

ABOUT METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES
Metropolitan Family Services empowers families to learn, to earn, to heal, to thrive. Part mentor, part motivator, part advocate, Metropolitan provides a wide variety of programs and services designed to strengthen families and help them realize their full potential. In 2019, we reached more than 93,000 people across the city and the suburbs.

ADOPTION IS A LIFETIME PROCESS
Metropolitan Family Services’ Adoption Support and Preservation Program employs clinical social workers and counselors to work with families in home, office and community settings. These services provide the support, tools and linkage to resources that preserve families and create a brighter future.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS
Services include:
• Therapeutic support from licensed social workers and counselors who understand the dynamics of a family created by adoption
• Intensive individual and family therapy
• Specialized treatment for attachment and trauma issues
• Support during a crisis situation
• Support groups with other families and children facing similar struggles
• Assistance in securing appropriate resources available in the community
• Professional support with advocating for appropriate educational services for your child
• Respite services for eligible families