



Kinship Adoption Program

Monarch Family Services strives to compassionately and professionally deliver value-added services in an effort to improve the lives of children and strengthen families. Because we recognize every child and family travels on different and unique paths in their journey toward wholeness and empowerment, our agency is family-focused and provides integrated comprehensive services across the family services continuum. Monarch Family Services offers adoption, foster care, substance abuse treatment, intervention/prevention program, therapeutic groups (parenting, domestic violence, and anger management), foster/adoptive parent trainings, child placement agency staff trainings, psychological services, supervised visitations, and case management.

Target Families

1. Interested in only adoption not foster care
2. Unable to qualify for foster care verification but interested in adoption
3. Families that are licensed with a foster care agency that does not have an adoption contract

Adoption Timeline

1. Families that are within 60 days from their 12th month final court hearing will have an in-home adoption orientation with Monarch Family Services representative.
2. After orientation, an adoption certification plan will be established based on the specialized needs of the family. The goal is to have the home ready for the adoptive placement within 30 to 45 days after the 12th month, final court hearing.
3. If the child is clear for adoption, Monarch Family Services will conduct the adoption placement and provide the monitoring service for the child/children for the 6-month post-placement period and submit all required documentation to DFPS.
4. Monarch Family Services will prepare paperwork for the consummation hearing.
5. Before the case is closed, the agency will review the needs of the family and assist with accessing community resources and post adoption supportive services from Depelchin Children Center and Spaulding for Children.

Monarch Family Services Adoption Agency Services

1. Monarch Family Services directly assists kinship families with complying with the DFPS minimum standard requirements of an adoptive home.
2. The agency conducts adoptive parent trainings and meetings in the family's home in order to increase compliance. We are certified to facilitate all pre-adoptive trainings.
3. Monarch Family Services works with the complicated cases and provides direct guidance and support with intensive case management.
4. The agency offers psychological services (individual, family, and group counseling or psychological evaluation) and parenting classes if needed.
5. Monarch Family Services works closely with DFPS Kinship Program, Adoption Prep, and CVS Staff to ensure a smooth transition from kinship to adoptive placement.



Kinship Adoption Referral Form

Caregiver(s) Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number (s): Home _____ Mobile _____ Work _____

Email Address: _____

Child's Name	Age

Type of Referral Adoption Only Foster to Adopt Foster Care Agency without Adoption Contract

Other _____

Final Hearing Date: _____

Brief Description of the Family (i.e. family dynamics, strengths, challenges, needs, etc.): _____

DFPS Caseworker: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please email or fax completed form to ValerieJacksonPHD@monarchfamilyservices.org / (832) 202-2479