ADOPTION RHODE ISLAND
Adoption Rhode Island is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to finding families for children in state care and supporting those children and families throughout the adoption process and beyond. We care about all children, youth and families impacted by foster care and adoption.

ADOPT HOPE
All of our staff embrace the Adopt Hope Model which is based on the belief that instilling and maintaining a sense of hope among the children and families that we serve strongly influences positive outcomes which is paramount to long-term success.

OUR CORE VALUES
We believe that adoption is a lifelong process that includes unique feelings and perceptions that at times require specialized support and professional expertise. We recognize the importance of helping children and families clarify past life events, integrate those events into present circumstances and assist them in actualizing a positive future.

PRESERVING FAMILIES - OVERVIEW
The program provides a trauma-informed, strength-based assessment framed in the normative process of development within an adoptive family. Evidence-based practices including the Attachment Regulation and Competency (ARC) model are utilized to support families.

This family centered program will work with each family member to develop a treatment plan that is carefully tailored to meet the specific needs of the child and family.

- Services are provided in the home, at the agency and in the community

Families can receive two to four contacts with the program per week for six months
- Individual, family and group counseling
- Parent education and support groups
- Case management and advocacy
- Evening and after hours support available
- Recreational activities for adoptive families

PROGRAM GOALS
- Strengthened Family Integration
- Strengthened Attachment
- Strengthened Family Functioning
- Strengthened Identity Formation of Family Members
- Strengthened Community Networks

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Preserving Families Program

MISSION
Adoption Rhode Island's mission is to create safety, belonging and permanency for adopted and foster children, vulnerable youth, and families through compassionate services, advocacy, and education.

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Families are Forever

This program is made available in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and is provided at no cost to adoptive families.

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