



## Adoption Rhode Island Permanency Services

### What We Do

The Permanency Services Program utilizes a range of recruitment tools and resources to help locate and identify families for legal permanency through reunification, adoption, or guardianship for children, youth, teens, and young adults living in foster care, ages 0-21. We provide consultation, education, and support to DCYF and providers on best permanency practice. Permanency Services also provides training, support, and education for foster care, kinship, guardianship and adoptive families who recognize the importance of permanency.

### How We Do It

- We apply evidence-based models, national resources, and family search and engagement to identify and match children, youth, and teens in foster care with families who will provide legal permanency through adoption and guardianship
- Locate birth family and past connections for youth
- Create childhood experiences for children, youth, and teens while they wait for permanency
- Facilitate sibling connections if children are separated
- Provide education, training and consultation on best adoption practices in adoption, guardianship and other child welfare topics
- Help children, youth, and teens understand their foster care journey and prepare them for adoption and guardianship
- Empower youth and help them realize their past does not have to limit their futures

### Our Qualifications

ARI's Permanency Services team has deep and broad experience in service to youth and families through recruitment, matching, education and advocacy.



Our team has lived foster care and adoption experience, as well as lived experience and training in diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. We apply this expertise in providing child-focused, evidence-based recruitment for all youth, teens and families we serve.

### Why We Do It

- There are over 1,500 children in the Rhode Island foster care system and ALL of them deserve permanency
- Youth in care, by no fault of their own, deserve a childhood and sense of belonging like most other children, with a family or other permanent connection
- 90% of the youth registered with ARI are over the age of 10 and in need of a caring adult to guide them into their teen years

### Testimonials



“What you do makes the world a better place to help kids in care find the love they deserve.”

“We want to thank you so much for everything you've done for us! We are so happy we got to meet you and work with your incredible team.”



### For More Information

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