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When Reunification Is Not Possible, Adoption Provides a Path Forward

Buffalo, NY – November is National Adoption Month, a time to recognize the importance of providing children with safe, loving and permanent families. Through Child and Family Services' Foster Care Program, children and families receive support aimed at achieving stability at the home.

The primary goal of the Foster Care Program is reunification, helping children safely return to their parents or relatives whenever possible. Foster care provides temporary support and stability while families work to address the challenges that led to placement.

When reunification is not possible, adoption offers children the opportunity to achieve permanency through a loving and committed family relationship.

"Every child deserves the security, support and sense of belonging that comes with a permanent family," said **Nicole Luko, Program Supervisor**. "While the first goal is always to help families reunify safely, adoption provides a life-changing path to permanency when reunification is not possible. National Adoption Month is an opportunity to celebrate adoptive families and raise awareness of the children and youth who are still waiting for a permanent home."

Throughout the month of November, Child and Family Services team members are available to speak with media outlets to offer expert insight for stories relating to National Adoption Month.

During National Adoption Month, Child and Family Services celebrates adoptive families, recognizes the dedication of foster and adoptive parents and raises awareness of the ongoing need for permanent homes for children waiting to be adopted.



About Child and Family Services

Founded in 1873, Child and Family Services relies on its generations of expertise and multi-faceted programs to provide the people of its region with essential resources. C+FS is a not-for-profit organization accredited by the Council on Accreditation and a member agency of the United Way. It serves children, adults, and families in the eight counties of Western New York without regard to race, creed, national origin or economic status.

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