

### **Call Us For Help**

If you know a child that is struggling with mental health or behavioral issues, call us at 1-800-634-2560.

## **Office Locations**

### **Erie County Office**

5100 Peach Street Erie, Pennsylvania 16509 Phone: 814.866.4500 Fax: 814.864.2677

### **Downtown Erie Office**

240 West 11th Street, Suite 402 Erie, Pennsylvania 16501 Phone: 814.871.0903

### **Crawford County Office**

18360 Technology Drive, Suite 200 Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335 Phone: 814.724.4800 Fax: 814.724.5181

### **Mercer County Office**

7 West State Street, Suite 208 Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146 Phone: 724.704.7227 Fax: 724.704.7224

### Family Services of NW PA

**Our Mission:** We strengthen families and transform lives.

Our Vision: Every family thrives.

#### **High Standards**

In September 2017, Family Services of NW PA received an expedited accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA), an achievement only received by roughly 30% of organizations.

COA accreditation ensures that Family Services of NW PA is providing the best possible services to consumers and is a mechanism that enables the agency to continually improve and evaluate the way it delivers services.



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## FAMILY REUNIFICATION



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## **FAMILY REUNIFICATION** at Family Services of NW PA

Family Reunification (FR) is a childwelfare program that works with parents of children recently placed in foster care to achieve safe reunification. The goal of FR is to safely reduce barriers that prevent reunification of the family unit.

FR caseworkers act as part of a team that includes parents, foster parents, workers from the Office of Children and Youth (OCY), and other social service agencies with the common goal of returning children to their homes. Caseworkers aim to improve parenting skills, family communication, time management, household duties, and other major responsibilities. Monthly team meetings are held with all family members involved in the reunification process.

### **Goals of Family Reunification:**

- Reduce barriers for family reunification
- Work with parents, agencies and the courts to bring children home
- Assist parents in developing skills and tools necessary for reunification
- Help parents to make lasting, healthy changes

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

FR serves children of all ages with a focus on infants and toddlers. Priority is given to reunifying families with children who have been in foster care or kinship placement for ten days or less.

### **Referrals:**

Referrals for this program must come from the Erie County Office of Children and Youth.

### **Program Outcomes:**

 61% of families in Erie County showed improvement in parenting capabilities as a direct result of services.





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