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# Adoption Navigation Services

Adopted children who have been abused or neglected by their birth families often need help coping with the effects of that abuse and loss of birth family. Northern Rivers' Adoption Navigation Services helps families formed through adoption and guardianship find necessary resources for the variety of issues and needs that arise after the adoption is finalized, as well as supporting adoptive and postguardianship families, empowering them for growth and enabling positive outcomes for all involved.

## Available Services

- Training opportunities for parents and professionals
- Scholarships are available for parent training
- Child-care information and referral resources
- Helpline available by phone, 518.426.2641, or email, [adoptionnavigationsservices@northernrivers.org](mailto:adoptionnavigationsservices@northernrivers.org), for information and referral services
- Referral to a network of local adoptive-sensitive practitioners, agencies, and volunteers who provide a variety of services to families who have adopted

## Benefits

Our adoption-knowledgeable professionals can provide families with:

- An understanding of adopted children's crises and assistance in minimizing the need for placements and disruptions
- An opportunity to access available resources as well as emotional support and direction to help families navigate the complexities of adoption
- A connection to services, providers, and trainings tailored to those who have adopted
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- Staffed by adoptive parents who possess extensive experience with special education and special needs concerns

## Getting Started

The New York State Office of Office of Mental Health (OMH) makes the initial outreach.

For more information call 518.426.2641 or [adoptionnavigationsservices@northernrivers.org](mailto:adoptionnavigationsservices@northernrivers.org). We are committed to responding to inquiries as quickly as possible.

*These services are provided by Northern Rivers Family of Services and member agencies.*

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