

MAP for Professionals Newsletter

Why Use MAP?

The Matching Assistance Program (MAP) is a free, password protected program available to adoption workers, social workers and families who are seeking to adopt a child from the foster care system. We assist families during the "matching" phase of the adoption process.

MAP is here to provide families with additional support and resources during the matching phase of the adoption process and assist you in the submissions, tracking and advocacy role for your families and children. We connect families, adoption workers, and caseworkers to help families and children become matched.

Once a family is potentially matched or matched with a child, we step out of the process and you take over completely.

For Social Workers:

When you create a free MAP for Social Workers account, you can:

- Request recruitment services for children on your caseload
- Quickly photo list a child for in-state or nationwide families to submit on
- Conduct targeted family searches for children on your caseload based on specific family characteristics

For Adoption Workers:

When you create a free MAP for Adoption Workers account, you can:

- Submit a family's home study directly to a child's case worker
- Message a child's caseworker via our private messaging system
- View child submissions made by your adoptive families

All families must be home study approved to adopt a child from foster care. We ask that all home study documents be signed and dated. It helps if the family is approved to adopt children out-of-state, but this is not a requirement. In addition, families are asked to create a family profile on our site. These family profiles are sent out every time a family submits through our site, and are used by the Matching Assistance Coordinator to recruit on the behalf of the family. We serve families from all over the country.

The only people who have access to a family's confidential information are you, the Matching Assistance team, and a child's caseworker. We take a family's privacy very seriously, and their confidential information will never be submitted without their consent or prior knowledge.

You are still a very important part of the adoption process! We are here to work alongside you, and not take your place. We ask that adoption workers follow up with the children's caseworkers on the behalf of their families to find out if the family is being considered as a potential match. A caseworker's contact information is provided

to you every time your family submits for a child. You may also access a caseworker's contact information from our Directory page.

Link to MAP information and registration page: [Click Here](#)

What services does MAP provide families?

- **F**irst-rate child search form to find potential matches
- Ability to create a family biography with photos to share with searching social workers
- Quickly submit your home study and family biography directly to a child's social worker
- Successful recruitment services to connect families with children's social workers
- Social worker contact information for certain states
- A private online support group
- Paid [Additional Services Program](#) with an Adoption Specialist

And More!





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