

Helping **ADOPTIVE**
FAMILIES

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UMFS
Unwavering champions
for children and families.

Adoption is a lifelong experience that can bring joys... and also frustrations.

Children adopted from the foster care system—as well as many children adopted privately or internationally—face a daunting variety of emotional special needs. If you struggle with the unique challenges of being an adoptive parent, we are here to help.

Competent adoption social workers, therapists and adoptive parent liaisons build on the strengths of your child and family to promote healthy attachments. We can attend school or service provider meetings with you, provide curriculum with behavioral tips, find community resources, respond to a crisis, or lend an empathetic ear.

UMFS has the expertise to see beyond the trouble to the champion within.

UMFS Adoptive Family Preservation empowers young champions, no matter where or when they were adopted. As long as your family lives in Virginia, your family and your adopted child can get free:

- Information and referrals
- Attachment therapy
- Parenting classes and workshops
- Crisis intervention
- Support groups
- School and service coordination
- Adoption counseling
- Advocacy

In collaboration with the Virginia Department of Social Services and our partner agencies, we have served more than 3,900 families in 15 years.

Contact the Adoptive Family Preservation office in your area for more information. (see back)

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