



# Adoption Promotion & Support Services

## APSS Introduction

The APSS Program offers adoption-specific services designed to encourage, expedite and maintain Los Angeles County DCFS and Probation children in safe, loving adoptive homes.

APSS is a supportive resource for Matched and Unmatched Children and Caregivers; Adoptive Families, Families considering Adoption, including those involved in the RFA process; Hesitant Children or Children Transitioning into Adoptive Homes, Children in Planned Permanent Living Arrangements, and Non-Minor Dependents that can benefit from a plan of adoption.

Families can receive adoption-specialized help with issues regarding adoption, parenting an adopted child, behavioral problems, children who are ambivalent about adoption, and support adopting a sibling group. Services are available even after the adoption has finalized.

## How To Initiate Services

If you currently have an open DCFS case, please contact your Adoption's Children's Social Worker (CSW) to request services.

Post adoption families can request APSS services by calling the Post Adoptions Hotline: (800) 735-4984.

Contact DCFS APSS Program staff Lorna Schill, LMFT CSA III at [schill@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:schill@dcfs.lacounty.gov) or Corina Carmona, LCSW CSA I at [carmoc@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:carmoc@dcfs.lacounty.gov) for additional support.

## APSS Components

- Case Management
- Individual or Family Therapy (minimum of 8 adoption-focused sessions shall be offered to children and caregivers)
- Adoption Focused Parenting
- Mentors
- Support Groups

## APSS Facts

- Services are free
- Services are voluntary
- Services can be offered up to age 21 (if adoption issues are present)
- Families are linked to a provider based on their home address (Designated Service Planning Area, SPA)

# APSS Providers

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## Los Angeles County • Service Planning Areas

### **Penny Lane - SPA 1**

43423 Division St. Suite 102  
Lancaster CA 93535  
Office: (661) 206-0396  
Fax: (661) 274-9970

### **Five Acres - SPA 3**

2934 E. Garvey Ave. South, Suite 100  
West Covina, CA 91791  
Office: (626) 214-0301  
Fax: (626) 214-0440

### **UCLA TIES For Families - SPA 5**

1000 Veteran Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90095  
Office: (310) 794-7743  
Fax: (310) 794-4996

### **Wayfinder Family Services - SPA 7**

13020 Bailey Street  
Whittier, CA 90601  
Office: (323) 295-4555 Ext. 233  
Fax: (323) 296-0424

### **Olive Crest - SPA 2**

805 N. Central Ave, Ste.200  
Glendale, CA 91203  
Office: (818) 630-7494  
Fax: (818) 563-2342

### **Children's Bureau - SPA 4**

3910 Oakwood Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90004  
Office: (323) 953-7350  
Fax: (323) 662-4920

### **Children's Bureau - SPA 6**

1910 Magnolia Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90007  
Office: (213) 342-0183  
Fax: (213) 342-0253

### **Children's Institute, Inc. - SPA 8**

1500 Hughes Way, Suite C100  
Long Beach, CA 90810  
Office: (213) 252-5800  
Fax: (424) 477-0017

Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS) is a federally funded program providing an array of adoption-specific services directed at preserving adoptive placement, preventing adoption disruption and/or working with children who are hesitant about adoption. APSS seeks to ensure permanency for children, nurture lifelong relationships and commitments, and increase adoption successes.

DCFS offers APSS services through community agencies and clients can be linked to services through DCFS or they can self-refer.