**Targeted Regional Permanency Center**

**Background:** Targeted Regional Permanency Center or TRPC is an innovative New York State initiative. The State of New York realized that the Guardian and Adoptive families did not have any supportive programs to assist them. Now, for Adoptive and Guardian families of Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates and Orleans County we have a supportive program just for you. This program is offered to **any Post Adoptive or Post Guardian family**. It is grant funded program from OCFS. Currently, it is 5-year grant.

**Goals:**

1. The program goal is to strive to improve safety, sustain permanency and promote the wellbeing of the whole family. Ultimately, our program strives to minimize future disruptions while assisting the family in reinforcing and supporting permanency. We enroll and work with Adoptive (foster care adoption, private adoption, international adoption, and Guardianship; including KinGap which comes from the Foster care system, where a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, etc. are not the Guardian of the child.) families.
2. We help families cope with numerous challenges that the children and parents are facing. With children, this could include but not limited to: fear, grief, anger, self-esteem issues, multiple placements, attachment issues, and trauma. Parents, this could include but not limited to disconnectedness, emotional issues, asked inappropriate questions, acknowledging birth parents, parenting issues, etc.

**Services that TRPC offers:**

* **Home case management**: we conduct home visit with a case worker in the family’s home to provide a level of comfort the family. We design the home visit based on the needs of each individual family.
* **Assessments**: We will do a family needs assessment and an ACES trauma assessment.
* **Support Groups**: We have monthly support groups based on the needs the families. Offering a network system for our Adoptive and Guardian families to come together to have a place where they can talk about issues or strengths that they all have in common.
* **Referrals:** We will refer to community agencies based on the needs of the families and follow up on those service with the families.
* **Advocate:** We will advocate for the families and teach them advocacy skills as well.
* **Educational supports:** We can attend education meeting, IFSP, CPSE meeting, doctor appointment, parent teacher conferences, counseling to name a few with the families. We do not transport but can attend as a support to the family.

**Eligibility:**

* Families must reside in Wayne, Seneca, Yates, Ontario or Orleans Counties.
* The Family must have their Adoption or Guardianship Certificate completed. We need that Certificate for the family to be enrolled in our program.
* This program is not income based.
* There is no time limit for our services. The Family could have adopted 1 week ago, 6 months ago, 8 eight years etc. Children must be 21 or under to qualify.
* Custodial families are not eligible.
* We are not involved with Permanency planning.

I would love to talk to you more about our permanency center and see if you would be interested in enrolling in this program.

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