

Professional Training



We appreciate hearing from medical professionals and other service providers who help to connect us to the families in need.

In addition, we offer free trainings about our Special Needs Adoption Program and provide informational materials at no charge.

Topics can include:

- Options
- Adoption 101
- Birth Parent Rights & Open Adoption
- Special Needs Adoption Program



Every child deserves a family. It's a notion that has always driven the very concept of adoption. Connecting children with permanent families, deep parental love, and a lifelong sense of security — that's why we do what we do. At Spence-Chapin, we've spent more than 100 years finding innovative ways to fulfill this obligation. Our expertise has consistently expanded the benefits of adoption to more children and the prospective parents who want to love them.

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Special Needs Adoption Program

For Professionals

Options For Children

Who Have Special Needs



Children

The infants and children we serve have a variety of special needs, from significant developmental issues to serious medical and congenital conditions. The conditions usually require therapeutic and/or medical interventions during the child's entire life.

These conditions can include:

- Genetic Disorders
- Brain Anomalies
- Neurological Disorders
- Rare Syndromes
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Disorders
- Shortened Life Span
- Excessive Drug and/or Alcohol Exposure
- Significant Risk of Psychiatric Disorders

Most of the children are eligible for Early Intervention Services, Social Security Disability, Adoption Subsidy, and Medicaid.



Birth Parents

Parents who experience an unexpected diagnosis or complication during pregnancy or immediately after giving birth may be unaware of all their options. Spence-Chapin is available to help families consider and explore all permanency options for their infant or child. Our social workers will meet with parents in a confidential and convenient location within 100 miles of New York City.



Adoptive Parents

Families adopting through this program are often already parenting a child (or children) with special needs. Their wish is to provide a loving home for an infant or child who is medically fragile or terminally ill.

There are no fees to adoptive families other than the home study and finalization fees.

Families adopting through this program reside throughout the United States.

History of Special Needs Adoption



In 1995, the Special Needs Adoption Program was created to serve families of children born with special needs. We have found loving and supportive adoptive families for over 500 infants and children with diverse medical challenges. These families are prepared and eager to parent and help these most vulnerable children develop to their full potential.

In 2011, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand acknowledged the efforts of this program by honoring it with a Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute Angels in Adoption award.

We have a strong understanding of the needs of these children and the qualities needed by adoptive parents to successfully care for them.

CONTACT US to schedule a FREE in-service presentation for your staff:

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