

SCDSS – Adoption Services

Web address: <https://dss.sc.gov/adoption/services/>

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Contact information: Phone: General Information: (803)-898-7601, Adoption and Birth Parent Services: (800) 922-2504

Mission: The mission of the South Carolina Department of Social Services is to ensure the safety and health of children and adults who cannot protect themselves, and to assist those in need of food assistance and temporary financial assistance while transitioning into employment.

Services Provided

Overview

Adoption services help find and support families who can nurture, raise, and protect those children whose parents have lost their legal parental rights.

DSS provides adoption services statewide through 5 regional offices to:

- Children whose parents have lost or relinquished their legal parental rights.
- People who wish to adopt children.
- Adoptive families who have finalized an adoption and are experiencing problems related to the adoption.
- Adult adoptee, adoptive families, birth parents of the adoptee who request non-identifying information, or reunion register services. Reunion register services are also provided to biological siblings of the adoptee.

Adoption Services include assessment and preparation of children for adoption, recruitment of adoptive families, and placement of children in adoptive homes. DSS also offers services to birth parents who are considering adoption for their child or children. Post-adoption services exist for adoptive families, adult adoptees, and birth families.

Post Adoption Services Offered

DSS has contracted with the South Carolina Foster Parent Association (<http://www.scfpa.com/>, 803-865-2020) to provide services such as information, referrals, and training for adoptive parents. These services include a hotline dedicated to assisting adoptive parents who need information or assistance in supporting and parenting their children. Upon calling the hotline, an adoption support staff member will discuss with a family any needs they have and connect them with needed information and make referrals to community organizations and agencies that can assist.

Geographic area covered: Statewide/Regional

Region I Division of Adoption Services
714 N. Pleasantburg Dr.
Greenville, SC 29607
Phone: (800) 868-6595

Region II Division of Adoption Services
2638 Two Notch Rd., Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (888) 711-7095

Region II (Rock Hill) Division of Adoption Services
454 South Anderson Road, BTC
515, Suite 101
Rock Hill, SC 29730
Phone: (800) 922-1537

Region III Division of Adoption Services
3346 Rivers Ave., Suite F
N. Charleston, SC 29405
Phone: (800) 922-1518

Region IV Division of Adoption Services
181 East Evans St.
Florence Business and Technology Center-112
Florence, SC 29506
Phone: (800) 763-6637

Region V (Laurens) Division of Adoption Services
93 Human Services Road
Clinton, SC 29325
Phone: (864) 833-0100

Region V (Orangeburg) Division of Adoption Services
2570 St. Matthews Rd
Orangeburg, SC 29116
Phone: (803) 515-1852

