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## Downey Side Family Life Centers

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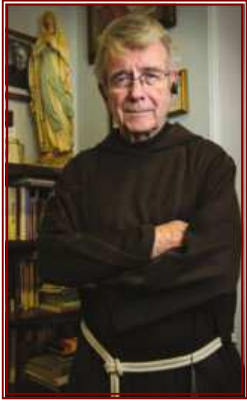
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**1-800-US-Child**  
**Website:** [www.DowneySide.org](http://www.DowneySide.org)

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## Who are we?

**Downey Side** is an adoption agency dedicated to children whom we call “**America’s Waiting Children**”. Downey Side is one of the few **national** adoption agencies in the U.S. recruiting families for America’s Waiting Children aged 7-17.

**Consider adopting a waiting child. You will find 5 groups of children:**

1. Older children
2. Minority children.
3. Physically challenged children.
4. Emotionally challenged children.
5. Sibling groups. (ages 2- 17 years old)

## What do we do?

We prepare and certify families who are able to then offer to adopt a child or children throughout the continental U.S. Downey Side then connects them to the county the children come from to make the eventual placement as smooth as possible. We stay available to the family throughout the process.

The one time cost to begin this process is **\$6500** for a single parent and **\$9000** for a couple. For married couples, we require that both applicants be trained.

## Can you adopt a waiting American child?

Yes, you can adopt! Get the facts:

- Adults of all ages adopt.
- Single, married & divorced people adopt.
- People of all income levels adopt.
- People who own or rent adopt.
- People of every race and religion adopt.
- Physically challenged people adopt.

For more information, please visit [www.DowneySide.org](http://www.DowneySide.org)  
Visit us on Social Media on Facebook & Twitter.

Downey Side offers the prospective parent an array of services throughout the adoption process, including:

### **Training**

Downey Side leads *Exploring Adoption* training, a seminar that assists families in their self-assessment, and is now required by most states. This is a hybrid course during the pandemic.

### **Certification**

All families are certified by Downey Side and licensed according to the laws of their state.

### **Support Group**

An opportunity to be part of a monthly support group during the adoption process and beyond.

### **Financial Subsidies**

In many cases, monthly subsidies are available.

### **Mission Statement**

Downey Side’s philosophy is rooted in the conviction that every child has the right to a permanent family. It is our purpose to work in partnership with the government as a licensed adoption agency to place America’s waiting children who otherwise would remain homeless. We are dedicated to family life for all children and strongly believe that a healthy permanent relationship is the best prevention against homelessness.

Downey Side has the additional purpose of leading members of each community to become advocates for children in need.

### **WAYS TO HELP!**

Downey Side relies on generous contributions from individuals & corporate sponsors to provide the resources necessary to ensure that every child has a permanent home. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please send all donations to:

**Downey Side**, 100 Underhill Street, Yonkers, NY 10710  
Online donations can be made on our website through PayPal.

**Purchase our book “America’s Youngest Hostages” by Ian Keldoulis at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.**

