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Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services is the public child welfare agency serving the residents of the County. The program is administered by County government and supervised by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services' Office of Children, Youth and Families.

The following services are offered to all clients regardless of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex or handicap:

- Information and referral regarding the various social service programs available to meet families' needs
- General protective services are offered to children at risk of minor or moderate neglect, school truant youth and youth who are ungovernable
- Child protective services are provided to children who are suspected or confirmed victims of child abuse or serious physical neglect
- Child placement services are offered to children who for one or more reasons cannot safely remain in their own homes. Placement options include foster family care, group homes in the community and residential treatment
- In addition an array of other family support services is also offered including family preservation services, family group decision making, parent education and training in independent living skills for youth.

Eligibility requirements are a child welfare need and Armstrong County residency.

A sliding fee schedule based on clients' financial resources pertains only to two service areas: child placement services and child custody home evaluations.

Mission Statement

"Helping Parents Keep Children Safe Since 1953"

Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, as your public child welfare agency, is dedicated to serving its foremost mission which is to protect children from abuse, neglect or exploitation. This duty is performed conscious of two central beliefs:

- Children need permanency in their family relationships in order to develop into healthy, productive adults
- Parents should be the primary caretakers of their own children.

Armstrong County CYF Services makes every effort to support families by acknowledging the significance of these two principles in its daily casework activities with families. Agency staff is committed to:

- Strengthening and maintaining the integrity of client families
- Preventing family dissolution and the need for out-of-home placement of children, whether in foster, group or institutional care
 - In the event out-of-home placement is required, mobilizing reunification resources so that children may be returned home as soon as is safely possible
 - Assuring permanent, stable homes for children by promoting the adoption of those children for whom intense efforts at reunification have failed.
 - Reducing the dependency of families on social services by promoting family self-sufficiency.

Links

- [Report Child Abuse](#)
- [Obtain Child Abuse History](#)
- [Needs Based Plan and Budget Narrative Template](#)

- [The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services](#)

- [Pennsylvania Adoption Exchange](#)

- [The Pennsylvania Code Online](#)

- [American Humane Association](#)

- [Child Abuse Prevention Network](#)
- [Child Welfare League of America](#)
- [NILA](#)
- [Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance](#)