



Snyder County Children and Youth Services

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I make a referral to the agency?

Referrals may be made to the agency by calling (570) 374-4570 during normal working hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). During hours the agency is closed, emergency referrals may be made by contacting Emergency Services at (570) 372-0826. Mandated reporters should make reports directly to ChildLine. For more information on reporting child abuse, go to www.KeepKidsSafe.pa.gov ”

2. How old do my children have to be before they can be left without supervision?

There is no specific age noted in law that identifies when children may be left alone without supervision. Parents or other caretakers must determine when their child is mature enough to stay home alone. Children under the age of 10 certainly need adult supervision.

3. What is the legal age one must be to be a babysitter?

The law has not established a "legal" age at which someone may be a babysitter. However, factors to consider when determining if a child is age appropriate include the child's level of maturity, number and ages of children being babysat, special behavior problems of children being babysat, length of time child will be required to baby-sit, and accessibility of a responsible adult in the event of an emergency.

4. How can I get custody of my grandchildren?

All custody matters are handled by Family Court. For more information, contact an attorney.

5. How can I become a foster parent?

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child by providing a healing, nurturing environment in your home and in your heart, then read on. We are in need of individuals and couples that have the skills, abilities, and the motivation to provide a family foster home for boys and girls of all ages. For specific information on how to become a foster parent, call (570) 374-4570 and request to speak with a screener. Do it today!

6. How can I get a job with the Office of Children and Youth?

All positions within the office of Children and Youth are Civil Service positions. Hiring is done in accordance with the Civil Service Regulations.