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Adoption Center of Delaware Valley & Cheyney University to Host Adoption Fair

The Adoption Center of Delaware Valley and Cheyney University will host an Adoption Fair & Outreach Event on Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 am to 12 noon at The Marcus Foster Student Center on the University's main campus in Cheney, Pa.

The Adoption Fair & Outreach Event is being held for the public to raise awareness about the adoption process and to encourage families to adopt children waiting in foster care.

Dr. Chuck Williams, co-host of several programs on radio station WPHT, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Williams is a lecturer at Penn State University's School of Graduate Studies. He also is associate executive director at The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth and director of their Institute for Transformational Education in Bridgeport, Pa. He has served on the "Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Children's Behavioral Health" and moderates the "Save the Children Summit," featuring Bill Cosby. As a youth, Dr. Williams and his siblings were in foster care.

A panel discussion, moderated by Gloria Hochman, the Adoption Center's director of communications and marketing, will include Christine Jacobs, the Adoption Center's director of regional operations, Dr. Williams, and an adoptive parent/family. Representatives of adoption agencies serving Delaware and Chester counties will distribute materials featuring children waiting in foster care and answer questions.

Admission and parking are free. The Adoption Fair & Outreach Event is made possible by the support of The Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund.

The National Adoption Center, of which the Adoption Center of Delaware Valley is an affiliate, was founded in 1972, expands adoption opportunities for children who now live in foster care and wait to be adopted. The children are not babies usually associated with adoption. They are school-aged through teenage and often are siblings who want to stay together. Many of the children have challenges, especially emotional ones, rooted in their earlier lives which often include negligence and abuse. Many of the children come from minority cultures. In its 35 years, the Center has facilitated the adoptions of more than 21,000 children.

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