

# Pennsylvania Adoptees Longitudinal Study (PALS)



## ABOUT THIS STUDY

The Pennsylvania Adoptees Longitudinal Study (PALS) is a developmental study of children adopted from the child welfare system between the ages of 4 and 10. The goal is to identify factors that predict both positive and negative outcomes for these children later in life.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Children between the ages of 4 and 10 and their primary caregiving parent.
- Finalization of the adoption must have occurred within 12 months of beginning participation in PALS.
- Biological parents cannot live in the home with the child. International adoptees are not included in this study.
- The child's estimated IQ must be above 70. Children diagnosed with an intellectual disability are not included in this study.
- Families able to complete at least one visit remotely via video call.

## WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS DO?

The child and parent will be asked to complete interviews, questionnaires and various tasks. Parents may also be asked to complete questionnaires online.

Participation will last for one year and will include the following:

- One visit occurring remotely via video call
- One visit at the Transforming the Lives of Children Center in Harrisburg, Pa., four weeks after first visit (*optional*)
- Final visit at home will occur one year after the first remote visit

Compensation is provided to eligible participants. Travel is not required for participation.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE

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