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<b>A Family Options*</b>		<b>A Family Options</b>
<b>A Living Hope Adoption Agency*</b>		<b>A Living Hope Adoption Agency</b>
<b>A Loving Choice Adoption Associates *</b>		<b>A Loving Choice Adoption Associates</b>
<u>Adoption ARC, Inc.</u>	2021	<b>Unknown</b>
Adopt a Miracle		<b>Homestudies and Adoption Placement Services held them; new location TBD</b>
Adopt a Miracle, Warren NJ		<b>Homestudies and Adoption Placement Services held them; new location TBD</b>
Adoption House	07/2008	<b>Jewish Family and Children Services of Monmouth County had the files - all transferred to DCF</b>
Adoption House	07/2008	<b>Jewish Family &amp; Children's Services of Philadelphia/Open Arms Adoption Network</b>
Adoption House	07/2008	<b>Madison Adoption Associates</b>
Adoption House	07/2008	<b>Catholic Guardian</b>
Adoption House	07/2008	<b>A Loving Choice Adoption Agency</b>
Adoption Placement Services, Inc.		<b>Christian Homes for Children</b>
<b>Adoption Services, PA*</b>		<b>Adoption Services, PA</b>
Adoption Services, Texas	09/2009	<b>Refused to give up; State of Texas has the files</b>
Adoption and Infertility Services		<b>Family Options</b>
<b>Adoptions From The Heart *</b>		<b>Adoptions from the Heart</b>
<b>Alliance For Children, MA*</b>		<b>Alliance For Children</b>
American Adoptions		<b>A Family Options</b>
<b>American World Adoption Associates, VA*</b>		<b>American World Adoption Associates, VA (2015-2016 files may be w/ Holt)</b>
AMOR, Matawan NJ	07/2010	<b>Unknown</b>
Barbara Giveranaud Orphanage		<b>Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace</b>
Bethana, PA	no longer licensed NJ	<b>Bethana, PA (agency still open/just not licensed in NJ)</b>
<b>Bethany Christian Services, NJ*</b>		<b>Bethany Christian Services, NJ</b>
Bethany Christian Services of Delaware Valley	closed 2021?	<b>Bethany Christian Services of Delaware Valley, PA</b>
<b>Better Living Adoption Services*</b>		<b>Better Living Adoption Services</b>
Booth Maternity Home, Door of Hope, Salvation Army		<b>Birth families were referred to NJ private adoption agencies, but some medical info can be found: <a href="http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes">http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes</a></b>
Brookwood Child Care		<b>Unknown</b>
Bureau of Children's Services	06/2003	<b>** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&amp;P)</b>
Carolina Adoptions	5/2007	<b>Better Living Adoption Services</b>
Catholic Aid Society	2015	<b>Catholic Social Services</b>
Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen	no longer licensed NJ	<b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton</b>
Catholic Charities Diocese of Patterson	6/2012	<b>Catholic Family &amp; Community Services (973) 279-7100 (holding records)</b>
<b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden*</b>		<b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden</b>

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<b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Newark*</b>		Catholic Charities Diocese of Newark
<b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton*</b>		Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton (609) 386-6221 ext 102
Catholic Children's Aide Assn.	09/2009	Catholic Family & Community Services or Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
Catholic Family, Paterson	closed - date unknown	Files in Paterson/ Catholic Charities of Newark has custody of files
Catholic Guardian Services, NY (diocese of NY)	closed - date unknown	Unknown
Catholic Home Bureau	Merger	Catholic Guardian
<b>Catholic Social Services (diocese of Philadelphia)*</b>		Catholic Social Services, PA (diocese of Philadelphia)
Catholic Welfare Bureau		Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
Center for Family Services/Golden Cradle	Closed 6/2022	** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
Child and Home Study Assoc., PA		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
<b>Children's Aid &amp; Family Services*</b>		Children's Aid and Family Services
<b>Children's Choice, PA*</b>		Children's Choice, PA
<b>Children's Home Society of New Jersey *</b>		Children's Home Society of New Jersey
Child Service Association		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Children of the World (COW)		** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&P)
Children World Association (CWA), North Carolina		Better Living Adoption Services
Children's Aid Society (Newark, closed in 1960s)	closed - 1960's	YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Children's Aid & Adoption Society		Children's Aid and Family Services
Children's Aid & Protective Society		Children's Aid and Family Services
Children's Aid and Protective Society		Catholic Social Services
Christian Home for Orphan Children		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Christian Homes		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Christian Homes For Children		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Christian Homes for Children, Hackensack NJ		Unknown
<b>Department of Children and Families, state of NJ*</b>		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
Door of Hope, Salvation Army, Booth Maternity Home		Birth families were referred to NJ private adoption agencies, but some medical info can be found: <a href="http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes">http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes</a>
DYFS		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
<b>Downey Side, NY &amp; NJ</b>		Downey Side, NY
Edna B. Conklin Welfare Home		Conklin Youth Center
Families Through International Adoption (FTIA)		Golden Cradle Adoption Services/DCF
<b>Family and Children's Services*</b>		Family and Children's Services
Family & Children's Services, Long Branch	05/2008	A Loving Choice Associates
Family and Children of Long Branch	03/2008	A Loving Choice Associates
Family and Children's Society	07/2010	Family & Children's Services (Elizabeth)
<b>Family Focus Adoption Services, NY*</b>		Family Focus Adoption Services, NY

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<b>Family Options*</b>		<b>A Family Options</b>
Florence Crittendon Home		<b>YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)</b>
Fort Lee Orphanage		<b>YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)</b>
Friends in Adoption VT		<b>Friends in Adoption, Vermont</b>
<b>Gladney Center for Adoptions, Texas</b>		<b>Gladney Center for Adoptions, Texas</b>
Golden Cradle Adoption Services	Closed 6/2022	<b>** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&amp;P)</b>
Golden Cradle Home	Closed 6/2022	<b>** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&amp;P)</b>
Good Will Home and Missions		<b>As of June 2022 - files will be transported to DCF</b>
Goodwill Home		<b>YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)</b>
Graham Windham	02/2004	<b>Unknown</b>
Growing Families	12/2006	<b>Better Living Adoption Services</b>
Harlem Dowling, NY	12/2013	<b>Agency has Files</b>
Harvest Of Hope	03/2016	<b>Center For Family Services, Golden Cradle Adoption Services</b>
<b>Holt International Children's Services*</b>		<b>HOLT International Children's Services</b>
Home for Friendless		<b>YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)</b>
Homestudies, Inc	03/2020	<b>Active files as of 9/22/2021 are at one of following: A Loving Choice, Madison Adoption, or Wide Horizons for Children</b>
Homestudies & Adoption Placement Services	03/2020	<b>Active files as of 9/22/2021 are at one of following: A Loving Choice, Madison Adoption, Holt, or Wide Horizons for Children - Closed HAPS Files-TBD</b>
Infertility and Adoption Services		<b>A Family Options</b>
Jersey City Orphanage		<b>YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)</b>
Jewish Child Care NY	08/2015	<b>Madison, Delaware; A Loving Choice has two files</b>
Jewish Counseling and Service Agency		<b>Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family &amp; Children Services of Greater Philadelphia</b>
Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Monmouth County		<b>** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&amp;P)</b>
<b>Jewish Family &amp; Children's Services of Philadelphia/Open Arms Adoption Network*</b>		<b>Jewish Family &amp; children's Services of Philadelphia/Open Arms Adoption Network</b>
Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County		<b>Jewish Family &amp; Vocational Services of Middlesex County - file placement TBD</b>
<b>Jewish Family Services of Central NJ*</b>		<b>Jewish Family Services of Central NJ</b>
Jewish Family Services of South Middlesex County		<b>Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family &amp; Children Services of Greater Philadelphia</b>
Jewish Family Services, Cherry Hill	10/2008	<b>Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family &amp; Children Services of Greater Philadelphia</b>
Jewish Family Services, Cherry Hill (Samost)		<b>Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family &amp; Children Services of Greater Philadelphia</b>
Jewish Family Services, Metro-West	09/2012	<b>Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family &amp; Children Services of Greater Philadelphia</b>
Journey Home	04/2008	<b>Better Living Adoption Services</b>
Juvenile Justice, PA		<b>Agency has Files</b>
LDS Family Services, NY	Closed 2019	<b>A Family Options</b>

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<b>Living Hope Adoption Agency*</b>		Living Hope Adoption Agency
Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
Lutheran Social Services		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
Lutheran Welfare Assn.		** Department of Children and Families, State of NJ (DCP&P)
<b>Madison Adoption Associates, Delaware*</b>		Madison Adoption Associates, Delaware
Morris County Children's Home		Morris County Board of Social Services
Morris County Welfare Board		Morris County Board of Social Services
Mr. Bratts's Home		Conklin Youth Center
<b>New Beginnings Family &amp; Children's Services, NY*</b>		New Beginnings Family & Children's Services, NY
New York Foundling	12/2006	Unknown
Newark Foster Home		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Newark Home for Foster Care		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Newark Orphan Asylum		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
NJ Children's Home		Children's Home Society of NJ
<b>Open Arms Adoption Network</b>		Open Arms Adoption/Jewish Family & Children Services of Greater Philadelphia
Pearl S. Buck		Holt International Children's Services
PERL	08/2007	No Files
Protestant Foster Home		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
Reaching Out	07/2008	HOLT International Children's Services
Salvation Army, Door of Hope, Booth Maternity Home		Birth families were referred to NJ private adoption agencies, but some medical info can be found: <a href="http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes">http://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/use/booth-maternity-homes</a>
Seedlings		HOLT International Children's Services
Sister Mary Eugene Foundation		Children's Aid and Family Services
Small World	03/2007	Unknown
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children		Family & Children's Services (Elizabeth)
Spaulding		** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&P)
Spaulding for Children		** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&P)
St. Joseph's Home		Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
St. Michael Provincial House		Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
St. Michael Villa		Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
St. Michael's Hopewell		Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton
State Board of Children's Guardians	5/2007	** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&P)
State Board of Child Welfare	5/2007	** NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DYFS now DCP&P)
Stable Community Services	closed 2016ish	Unknown
<b>Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children*</b>		Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children
Tabor, PA	10/2010	Agency has files

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The Adoption Agency		Adoptions from the Heart
The Christian Home for Children of Fort Lee		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
<b>The Children's Home Society of New Jersey*</b>		The Children's Home Society of New Jersey
The Christian Home for Orphan Children		YCS (Youth Consultation Services/ Search and Reunion Program)
The New Jersey Welcome House (Pearl S. Buck Institute) (via Leonette Boiarski whboiar@yahoo.com)		Madison Adoption Associates
<b>United Family and Children's Society*</b>		United Family and Children's Society
Voices for International Development & Adoption (VIDA)	closed 2016ish	Unknown
WASATCH International Adoptions		WASATCH International Adoptions - Utah
W. Jersey Orphanage for Destitute Colored Children		Children's Home Society of NJ
Welcome House, PA	07/2012	Madison Adoption Associates
<b>Wide Horizons for Children Inc*</b>		Wide Horizons for Children Inc.
With Hope and Love	08/2010	Better Living Adoption Services
World Child, Delaware	2009	A Loving Choice Adoption Associates
<b>Youth Consultation Service/Search and Reunion* YCS</b>		Youth Consultation Services/Search and Reunion (YCS)
<b>** Those indicating NJ Division of Child Protection and Permaency holds the records, please contact DCF Adoption Registry at 609-888-7474 or e-mail <a href="mailto:dcfadoptionregistry@dcf.nj.gov">dcfadoptionregistry@dcf.nj.gov</a></b>		