The Baby Fold

Serving Children and Families since 1902





History and Tradition

Founded in 1902, The Baby Fold began as an orphanage run by Methodist Deaconesses. Adapting programs and services to meet the needs of the community for 118 years.



Hammitt School Special Education

Successfully educating elementary through high school aged students who have had difficulty in their public school. Focusing on the individual needs of each child so they can learn, grow, and become their best selves.



Serves 1000s of Kids and Families

Helping over 1200 individuals every year through 12 programs all designed to wrap services around children and families.



Vocational Education Training

Work experience with one of 17 local business partners is a part of The Baby Fold's curriculum in Junior/Senior High School so children can thrive and become fully contributing members of the community.



Top Employer

Consistently among McLean County's top 25 employers, The Baby Fold has 280 staff serving 28 counties in Central Illinois.



Autism Programs

Reaching and teaching children who are on the Autism spectrum to speak, communicate, and learn with personalized plans that are as unique and special as they are.



Healthy Start

Successful early intervention program proven to break the cycle of abuse and neglect for children with a 95% success rate!



Public School Partnerships

Our Community Schools program supports both children and teachers so they can provide for the social, emotional and educational needs of the whole student body. Currently partnering with 3 schools in District 87 and Unit 5; substantially increasing student scores in math, reading, and science.



Adoption Support Services

Assisting families who have adopted children from hard places with therapeutic support—creating families who are healthy and strong. Now serving 200 adoptive families annually.



Nationally-Recognized, Highly Accredited Staff

Sharing our expertise in child welfare with schools, families, and local partners, making the community stronger.



Finding Foster Families

Recruiting, training, and certifying foster families willing to open their hearts and homes to children and matching those families with children in need.







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COUNTIES SERVED

Adams

Champaign

Christian

Clark

Coles

Cumberland

DeWitt

Douglas

Edgar

Ford

Iroquois

LaSalle

Logan

Livingston

Macon

Macoupin

McLean

Menard

Montgomery

Moultrie



Putnam

Sangamon

Shelby

Tazewell

Vermillion

Woodford