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 117 years.

Serves 1000s of Kids and Families
Helping over 1200 individuals every year through 12 programs all designed to wrap services around children and families.

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

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

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.

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.

Hammit 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.

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.

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.

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.

Nationally-Recognized, Highly Accredited Staff
Sharing our expertise in child welfare with schools, families, and local partners, making the community stronger.
The Baby Fold

COUNTIES SERVED
Adams
Champaign
Christian
Clark
Coles
Cumberland
DeWitt
Douglas
Edgar
Ford
Iroquois
LaSalle
Logan
Livingston
Macon
Macoupin
McLean
Menard
Montgomery
Moultrie
Peoria
Piatt
Putnam
Sangamon
Shelby
Tazewell
Vermillion
Woodford