



## **Friend of the Family:**

### **A Mentor Program for Adoptive Families**

#### **To Become a Friend of the Family, you must**

- **Have finalized an adoption from foster care**
- **Have a positive relationship with DCF or contracted private agency**
- **Submit an application, reference form, and confidentiality agreement**
- **Have sufficient time and ability to make contact with assigned family**

#### **Responsibilities of a Friend of the Family**

- **Contact the assigned family within two weeks of notification**
- **Decide upon frequency of phone/email contact together with the mentee**
- **Develop a relationship with your assigned family and provide support, share personal experiences and parenting skills and acquaint families with helpful resources and services**
- **Inform Diane Tomaz at 617-542-3678 or [dianet@mareinc.org](mailto:dianet@mareinc.org) if assigned family is experiencing stressors that may require additional support**