



We sincerely appreciate and celebrate our partnership with the Upper Susquehanna Synod and its congregations. United in purpose and guided by compassion, Diakon extends its services to individuals of all ages. In 2024, Diakon programs served close to 68,000 people.

With a continued focus on strengthening individuals and families, Diakon has transitioned away from senior living communities to further invest in its core mission—expanding behavioral health services, foster care and adoption, at-risk youth programs, and family preservation services. Additionally, Diakon remains committed to serving older adults through community-based senior services and affordable housing programs, ensuring aging individuals can live with dignity and receive the support they need.

In the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Diakon Family Life Services provides a range of vital behavioral health programs, including individual, couple, and family therapy; family-based mental health services aimed at preventing out-of-home placements for at-risk children; and addictions-related counseling. The program also offers a specialized in-home treatment program for youth and families, trauma-focused therapy, and psychiatric services to support mental and emotional well-being. With offices in Williamsport, Montoursville, and Lewisburg, Diakon Family Life Services served nearly 2,600 people within the synod in 2024.

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care also plays a crucial role within the synod, working with resource families to meet the needs of waiting children and teens. Additionally, Diakon serves as the prime contractor for Pennsylvania's Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network (SWAN), coordinating all public adoptions across the state. In 2024, SWAN services impacted over 1,300 children and families within the synod's territory.

We thank God for the gifts of our staff, volunteers, congregations, donors, and board members, whose dedication and generosity enabled us to touch the lives of thousands of people last year.

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