



ADOPTION

DOMESTIC ADOPTION

There are more than eight million couples in The United States today unable to have biological children. Many of these couples have the qualities necessary to provide the best physical, emotional and spiritual environment possible for a child. Given the large number of abortions (1.6 million annually) in the United States every year, adoption can be the ideal alternative for women who face a crisis pregnancy and at the same time offer hope to couples wishing to adopt. Since 1958, Christian Family Services has been a licensed child placement agency in the State of Michigan, and offers women with unplanned pregnancies, as well as adoptive parents, somewhere to turn. We are committed to providing professional, compassionate and confidential services, and strive to make our services affordable and accessible for our clients. Through the years our highly qualified staff has placed over 1,200 infants and children in loving Christian homes through our adoption program.

What is the first step?

The first step is to request an adoption packet from our office. If you meet the initial agency criteria, you then begin the formal application process, and will be scheduled for a home study. The home study information is confidential and is intended to meet State of Michigan requirements. The home study evaluation helps couples assess their relationship with one another, their own personal strengths and weaknesses, and their readiness for parenthood. There is also required reading and other recommended opportunities for couples in preparation for the placement of a child into their home.

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Who will we work with?

You will have a social worker assigned to your family. Our staff's intent is to develop a compassionate and professional relationship with you, and to maintain an open line of communication with you throughout the process. Our goal is to ensure the best possible arrangement for both the child and the new parents, and to secure the legal transfer of parental rights and responsibilities from the birth parents to the adoptive parents. Your social worker will walk you through the entire process.

Who takes care of a child before he/she is placed in an adoptive home?

Most children are placed directly into the prospective adoptive parents' home through a direct placement adoption. In special cases, licensed Christian transitional care is provided for infants and children until they are legally free for permanent placement in an adoptive home.

What can be expected after a child is placed in an adoptive home?

After placement and court approval, our social worker will make two supervisory visits to the home within a period of six months. This is mandated by the State of Michigan and its purpose is to ensure a healthy placement for your entire family. We also provide a variety of post-placement services.

How much does an adoption at CFS cost?

Please call our office at (248)557-8390 to speak with our Adoption Specialist or you can request our initial information packet for adoptive families. It will contain detailed information, including criteria and fees.

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