

Adoption Lasts Forever

The focus of Adoption has gradually evolved from solving a life problem to creating a life plan for the child, based on the following precepts:

- Every child is special and deserves a permanent and loving home.
- Adoption is a lifelong commitment involving birth parents, adoptive parents, adoptive children and extended family members.
- Every adoption is a sacred trust to be treated with deep respect.
- Children have a right to know about their birth heritage.
- Children need to know that their birth families made a loving choice.
- The emphasis is on honesty and candor in trying to preserve a child's identity with respect to her/his heritage.
- A good adoption plan involves unbiased and pressure-free counseling for all parties.

What Catholic Social Services Provides:

- Infant Adoptions
- Adoption Workshops
- Adoption Planning
- Education about legal rights
- Home studies for
 - * Infant Adoption
 - * International Adoption
 - * Office of Children's Services' Special Needs Adoption
- Life-long post-placement counseling
- Pregnancy Counseling
- Education about pre and post partum care
- Parenting Supplies (diapers, baby clothes, etc.)

Catholic Social Services acts as an advocate for the future well-being of all children placed in our temporary care and protection. In an environment of compassion and sensitivity, the program provides excellence in service and care to adoptive and birth parents.

Catholic Social Services' Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services



Infant Adoption Program

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Mission

The Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services program of Catholic Social Services supports the tradition of family life and affirms the belief that every child is a creation of God. The program assists the family of origin and the family of adoption to make a confident and loving plan for their own and their child's future. With education and respect, the families grow to an understanding of lifelong commitment and love.

Adoptive Children

All children placed in adoptive homes by Catholic Social Services have been voluntarily relinquished by birth parents who have made the difficult decision to choose the path of adoption.

In compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, the agency strives to place children in an environment which will maintain their cultural and ethnic heritage.



Home Study Services

Catholic Social Services is licensed in the State of Alaska as a child placement agency. We provide initial home studies, updates and post-placement services to families seeking to adopt. These home studies are accepted by Interstate Compact for families seeking to adopt a child across state lines, and by Immigration and Naturalization Services, for those adopting from outside of the United States.

Catholic Social Services is a community leader with over 40 years of experience facilitating adoptions.

Advantages of Working with Catholic Social Services

a private non-profit adoption agency

- The primary focus is the child's best interest.
- Counseling is provided by qualified professionals who consider the moral and legal rights of all parties as equal.
- Comprehensive family assessments are an integral part of adoption planning.
- The birth parents are given time to make the best decision for their child.
- Birth parents select the adoptive family.
- Full, legal relinquishment services always occur.
- Biological background information is permanently maintained.

