About our Adoption Program

Bethany for Children & Families offers domestic, special needs, and international adoption services to families.

Bethany provides:
- Adoption preparation
- Pre-placement services
- A home study, including assessments that meet the international and immigration service guidelines
- Preparation of international documents and coordination with international placement agencies
- Post-placement services until finalization of the adoption
- Post legal services
- Adoption preservation services.

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Adoption Information

Information on domestic, special needs, and international adoption
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The decision to adopt a child is truly life-altering. It should be made after careful thought and thorough exploration of the adoption process. It requires a lifetime of commitment, but the rewards are wonderful!

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The Adoption Process involves:

- Attending group adoption preparation classes
- Interviews with a Bethany Adoption Specialist
- Reference letters, doctor statements, and family and financial information
- Criminal background and child abuse registry checks
- Several visits to your home by Bethany’s Adoption Specialist

Who can adopt?

- Single, married, or divorced persons
- Persons with or without children
- Persons who desire to adopt one child or several children
- Homeowners or renters, as long as there is sufficient room for another child
- Persons with a stable income

What will it cost?

Domestic Infant Adoption (Iowa and Illinois)

The placement fee is $12,000. The home study fee is $2,000. Post placement services are $650. Home study updates, if needed, are $500. Each family is responsible for legal fees incurred in the adoption process. Each adoption applicant has the right to appeal the approval decision. Payment of fee does not ensure adoption approval.

International Adoption (Iowa)

The home study fee is $2,000. Post-placement services are a minimum of $650, additional fees may be incurred dependent upon the country of origin.

Services to prospective adoptive families:

- Adoption preparation services and training
- Pre-placement services
- Home studies, including assessments that meet international and immigration service guidelines
- Preparation of international documents and coordination with international placement agencies
- Post-placement services until the finalization of the adoption
- Post-legal services

Special Children require a Special Family

Special Needs Adoption is a term used to describe children with brothers and sisters who need to stay together, children who have been abused or neglected, children with physical or emotional disabilities, or children with special behavior problems. Bethany offers special needs adoption services in Illinois only.

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