



Adoption Services
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SERVICES PROVIDED: Updated 08/06

The following outline is representative of the services covered in the Infant Adoption Program:

- Orientation and preliminary application
- Application for the Infant Adoption Program
- Adoption home study
- Two days of adoption education classes
- Placement services
- Preparation of court papers for relinquishment
- Post-placement supervision in accordance with Iowa Code
- Staff participation in the adoption process
- Services provided by Catholic Charities for the child
- Birth parent program which includes community outreach for services available
- Assistance with providing counseling for birth parents with an unplanned pregnancy

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES' INFANT ADOPTION PROGRAM:

- Applicants must be 25-45 years of age
- Applicants must be legally married for two years at the time of application
- Applicants do not have to be childless and infertility is not required
- Applicants must reside in Iowa
- It shall be the general policy of Catholic Charities to make adoptive placements within Christian homes

ASSESSED FEE SCHEDULE	INCOME LESS THAN \$45,000	INCOME \$45,000 AND OVER	INCOME \$100,000 AND OVER
Preliminary Application and Workshop	\$100	\$100	\$100
Application for Infant Adoption Program	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,666
At the Completion of Home Study Process	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,666
At the Time of Adoptive Placement	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,667
TOTAL	\$12,100	\$15,100	\$20,100

All fees are for services provided in processing, studying the couple, placing and supervising the placement of a child, and finalizing the adoption. Payment alone of fees does not insure adoption approval or placement of a child. There may be additional expense possibilities related to an individual adoption. This process will be fully explained at the workshop. All clients have access to a grievance procedure.