



Adoption Services
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES'

INFANT ADOPTION AND PREGNANCY OPTIONS COUNSELING PROGRAMS:

Catholic Charities provides lifetime supportive services to families experiencing challenges surrounding pregnancy. Our services are available to all persons regardless of age, race, gender, marital status, or religious affiliation.

PREGNANCY OPTIONS COUNSELING PROGRAMS

We provide free and confidential services to all members of families faced with a crisis pregnancy through our Pregnancy Options Counseling Program which provides information and support for parenting and adoption planning.

We are a child centered agency. What that means is that our first focus is on the child as our primary client. We are available to assist birth parents who have chosen to place their child in an adoptive home in making decisions on the child's behalf and in the child's best interests which culminate in the child receiving a permanent home and family through adoption.

INFANT ADOPTION

The following eligibility requirements apply to couples receiving a child into their home and family through 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
- Applicants must participate in our Open Adoption Training Workshops and complete the homestudy process.
- It shall be the general policy of Catholic Charities to make adoptive placements within Christian homes