

The Adoption Process After the Home-study

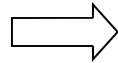
Domestic & Independent Adoption

DOMESTIC ADOPTION:

Your secondary agency will be in charge of using the Catholic Charities approved home study to match you with a child according to the specified criteria.

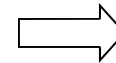
INDEPENDENT ADOPTION:

Your Home Study approves you for the child of your independent match. We or another agency must provide birth parent support services.



DOMESTIC ADOPTION:

Once you have received a referral but **PRIOR TO** accepting the child match notify your Social Worker. S/he will communicate with your secondary agency regarding the referral appropriateness, as well as begin preparing needed documents (extra time is necessary for processing placements from other states).

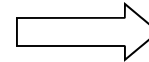


DOMESTIC & INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS:

State law on the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) varies from state to state. If matched with birth parents residing outside of Wisconsin, each state's Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) office must grant approval (after TPR) for you to bring the child to WI. We will then aid you in the post placement process.

DOMESTIC & INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS:

Your Social Worker will conduct post-placement visits. The number of post placement visits depends on the state from which you are adopting. That state will dictate how many visits must occur before finalization. However, the state of Wisconsin mandates a visit every month, so if the sending state requires less then we uphold the Wisconsin Standard. These visits are to ensure that the family and child are adjusting well. In addition, your Social Worker may facilitate connecting the child or family with any needed community resources.



DOMESTIC & INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS:

After each post placement visit your Social Worker writes up a Post-Placement Report which may be sent to ICPC and your secondary agency (if applicable). These reports will be used in order to write a finalization report.

DOMESTIC & INDEPENDENT ADOPTIONS:

The state where the child originated will determine where the adoption finalization will take place. You may be required to appear in person or via phone back in the state of origin. If permitted to finalize here in Wisconsin your Social Worker will write the required reports and will assist you with the process unless you choose to hire a private attorney. Some WI counties require that you retain an attorney for the finalization. The child's new birth certificate will be issued by the state in which your child was born.

