



Many children in foster care need permanent, adoptive homes because their birth parents were unable to care for them. Most of the children in foster care have been neglected, abused or abandoned. Those most in need of adoptive parents are older (school age), boys and African-American.



Many children awaiting adoption are brothers and sisters who need to stay together.

Many children in foster care have medical and emotional impairments, learning disabilities or developmental delays. Often these conditions improve when they are placed with a supportive family. Therapy is offered to the children who need it, and most adoptive families find that therapy is key to a successful adoption.



These children need families who are:

- patient
- tolerant
- open to therapy
- consistent
- open-minded
- committed
- stable
- flexible
- accepting
- have a capacity for change and growth
- able to laugh
- willing to learn



How to Apply

Call or write to the office nearest you, or fill out an information request form on our Web Site, www.lasadoption.org.

MAIN OFFICE
21700 Northwestern Highway, Suite 1490
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 423-2770

BAY CITY OFFICE
P. O. Box 48, Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 686-3170

CLARE OFFICE
1416 N. McEwan St., Clare, MI. 48617
(989) 386-2101

GRAND RAPID OFFICE
1715 Sutherland Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI. 49508
(616) 281-4706

JACKSON OFFICE
209 E. Washington Ave, Suite 284, Jackson, MI 49201
(517) 789-6444

KALAMAZOO OFFICE
1803 Whites Road, Suite 5, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 345-5776

LANSING OFFICE
801 S. Waverly Road, Suite 103, Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-1380

PORT HURON OFFICE
3790 West Water St., Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 479-9932



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Waiting for a Family



Lutheran Adoption Service

every child deserves a loving family

If you are interested in adoption, we ask that you attend an orientation and training session at one of our offices. If you want to proceed after that session, you will fill out an application and then our staff will conduct a family assessment. The

assessment will include at least one home visit and interviews with people you provide as references.

When your application is accepted, we will identify a child who we feel will be a good match with your family. After several visits, the child will be placed with your family, under Lutheran Adoption Service's supervision. We also provide post-adoption services.



Adopting is not as hard as you may think!

- Age requirements are flexible.
- Married, divorced and single men and women can adopt.
- You don't have to be wealthy.
- You don't have to own your home. You can live in an apartment.
- You can have birth children or other adopted children in your home.
- You can work outside the home, as long as you have adequate child care arrangements.
- The amount of education and the kind of job you have make no difference.
- You do not have to be affiliated with the Lutheran church – or any church.

Lutheran Adoption Service offers:

- pre-placement and placement services for Michigan state wards
- community orientations
- training for adoptive parents
- adoptive family assessments
- petition filing and legal work to finalize adoptions
- adoption supervision
- in-home therapy for children and families following adoption
- post-adoption services, including referrals and non-identifying information for adults adopted through LAS



Fees

There are no fees involved in adopting children who are in foster care, other than court fees of about \$200. These fees may be reimbursed through the State of Michigan.

This program is funded in part by the State of Michigan.

Financial assistance through adoption subsidies may be available to families who adopt children in foster care. These payments may be used for daily living and some medical expenses and care of the child, depending on the needs of the child. If you are considering adoption, ask your social worker for specific information.