

Questions Answers

Q Why should I adopt through an agency?

A Adoption is a life-long journey and NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY will always be there to support, educate, and advocate for you and your family.

Q What is a home study?

A A home study is a positive experience that includes exploring relationships, family history, health information, legal background checks, and preparation for parenthood through adoption.

Q How much does all of this cost?

A There are considerable costs incurred by agencies in the adoptive placements of children. The national average fee can range from \$9,000 to \$15,000 per placement. It is our philosophy, however, to provide these services *without* fees.

It is our expectation that those who adopt through our program be great parents, positive advocates for adoption and for NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, and finally will contribute to the NCHS FOUNDATION through gifts of your time, talent, and treasures.

Q How long will the process of adoption take?

A How soon a placement might occur is impossible to predict. More often than not, the birth parents are involved in the selection process and we never know what qualities or characteristics they will look for in adoptive parents.

Q What is "open adoption?"

A Open adoption involves a continued relationship between a birth family and an adoptive family. This relationship can have varying degrees of contact and is different within each individual situation.

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WHY TURN TO US FOR HELP?

Families are drawn to adoption for many reasons. Maybe you have experienced infertility or simply wish to add to your family through adoption. You may be interested in adopting domestically or internationally, adopting older children or those who have special needs. Whatever brings you into the journey of adoption, **NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** is here to help.

The decision to become parents through adoption is one that involves thoughtful, careful consideration.

Child Centered

NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY works with both birth and adoptive parents when making adoptive placements. It is important for everyone involved to understand that our primary focus is always **to do what is best for a child.**

We are here to provide the guidance and support needed to grow your family through adoption.

In more than 110 years since NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY was founded in 1893, we have adhered to a single mission — to provide safe and loving care to children of all ages.

WHAT KINDS OF SERVICES CAN YOU EXPECT?

NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY provides a variety of services. Among them:

- Preparation for parenting through adoption
- Complete Home Study
- Information on legal rights and responsibilities
- Facilitation of support groups for prospective adoptive parents
- Current resources and education for adoptive families

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

Simply contact one of our offices, listed on the back of this brochure, or visit our web site for additional information at www.nchs.org

Because we believe adoption is a lifelong process and not just an event, our services uniquely extend throughout the lifetimes of all those involved.



No matter the role of those involved in adoption, every individual is valued and cared about here.