



Lutheran Social Services continues assisting birthparents and adoptive parents after placement of a child.

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Motivated by the compassion of Christ, we promote security for children.



As the largest not-for-profit licensed child-placing agency in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, LSS has been finding forever families for children of all ages, faiths and backgrounds for over 60 years. Our Adoption & Foster Care services include:

- * Services to birthparents regarding accessing resources and parenting options
- * Temporary foster care in conjunction with counties or the state of WI
- * Adoption services for infants, children and children with special needs
- * Step-parent and relative adoptions
- * International adoption programs
- * Treatment Foster Care for children needing specialized out of home care
- * And more!

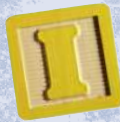
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Open Adoption



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In an open adoption, birthparents have choices. They choose the couple that will adopt their child, and can elect to meet with the adoptive family prior to the birth, or have the new parents present for the delivery. And, they can choose to remain in contact with their child through letters, phone calls and visits. At LSS, compassionate staff help you through these questions.

Adoptive parents have choices too.

- * How much should they share with the birthparents?
- * Do they feel comfortable with the idea of future visits and phone calls?
- * What is best for their child?

At first, many adoptive parents feel unsettled by open adoption. They fear the birthparents will change their minds and come looking for the child. They worry that open adoption will confuse their child and cause added anxiety. These fears are understandable, but unwarranted.

Open adoption is not shared parenting. The birthparents let go of their legal rights and the child becomes a permanent member of the adoptive family.

Open adoption benefits the child. Knowing who their birthparents are and what they look like, helps adoptive children develop a sense of identity and history. It also helps them resolve the questions, "Why was I adopted?" They know their birth family cares for them and, as one put it, "Can a child ever have too much love?"



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For more information about Lutheran Social Services open adoption services, or our other adoption programs, please contact the office nearest you. Or visit www.lssadopt.org.



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LSS serves all of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and our staff is willing to travel to best meet your needs.