



Lutheran Social Services continues to assist birthparents after placement of a child. Birthparents may seek additional counseling or join a support group to share experiences with other birthparents.

www.lssadopt.org
www.lsswis.org

Wisconsin

<u>Appleton</u> 800-577-4100	<u>Milwaukee</u> 414-671-5950
<u>Eau Claire</u> 888-746-2850	<u>Superior</u> 715-394-4173, ext. 106
<u>La Crosse</u> 608-788-5090	<u>Waukesha</u> 800-216-3437
<u>Madison</u> 608-277-2966	<u>Wausau</u> 888-522-3678

Upper Michigan
877-994-9344

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

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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When you discover you are pregnant, many thoughts and feelings arise. You need a place to turn where there is no judgment or unwanted advice. That place is Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The compassionate staff at LSS listen to your needs, never pressuring you to make a decision. You are completely safe to discuss any and all of your feelings. It's normal to feel confused by the well-meaning but often conflicting advice from others. You need the facts, not opinions. At LSS, you can explore realistic options with caring and experienced professionals.

Talking with us is free and confidential. Our staff is here to provide support, education and guidance and personally address your concerns.



You Have Options

Decisions you make regarding a pregnancy will last a lifetime. The big question is, "Can I parent this child, or is adoption the most loving choice for my baby?" Either option, LSS can help.

Parenting

If you decide that you are able to parent your child, LSS offers you:



- * Emotional support
- * Referrals to parenting and support groups
- * Temporary foster care
- * Referrals to community or county programs to help you meet financial responsibilities

Adoption

If placing your child in the home of adoptive parents is the most loving decision, LSS offers:

- * Emotional support before and after your child is placed in an adoptive home
- * Financial assistance for medical and foster care costs and living expenses
- * Coordination of the legal process
- * Ongoing birthparent support groups
- * Help preparing an adoption plan for your child

The Adoption Plan

Making a plan for adoption puts you in control of your child's placement in an adoptive home. If you wish, you may:

- * Select the adoptive family
- * Meet the prospective family before or after your child's birth
- * Have time to be with your newborn baby
- * Develop an ongoing relationship with your child and the adoptive family



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