

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTH EAST KANSAS, INC.

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INFANT ADOPTION PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Inc. is licensed through the State of Kansas. The program provides adoption services to married couples of Christian faiths, who live within the 21 county area of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. The children placed through our program are newborn infants to six months of age.

Our experience in adoption dates back many years. This information form is designed to acquaint you with the eligibility requirements and to provide you with an overview of the adoption process followed by Catholic Charities of North East Kansas, Inc.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must reside in the State of Kansas and live within the 21 counties of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.
2. It is required that you be married for a period of one year (minimum).
3. You are eligible to apply if both of you are at least 21 years of age at the time of application.
4. You must provide a physician's statement that shows good physical and emotional health.
5. It is required that you be affiliated with a Christian church. A reference from your pastor will be required when the adoption home study begins.
6. You are eligible to apply if you are unable to give birth to a child and can provide a physician's note that documents this infertility or a medical condition that would recommend against pregnancy.
7. You must have sufficient finances to support your family and to care for a child, as well as adequate housing.
8. You must be willing to obtain appropriate health care for children placed in your home including receiving recognized medical and hospital care, blood transfusions, vaccinations and other procedures important to a child's health and having insurance coverage or the financial ability to cover same.
9. You must be interested in an open adoption process. We no longer have adoptions that are fully closed adoptions unless specifically requested by the birth mother. The openness varies depending on each situation.
10. You cannot have a criminal record.

Waiting Time and Home Study Process

The length of time between application and the time the home study is begun depends upon the number of applications and the children available for placement. The home study process consists of a series of on-line education workshops, individual interviews, reference and background checks and an in-home visit. It takes approximately eight to twelve weeks to complete.

Once the study is completed and a couple is approved for adoption with the agency, they are placed on the approved list and may receive a child at any time thereafter. Actual placement of a child depends upon the number of children available for placement, birthparents' desires and a couple's expectations. Each family is responsible for requesting home study updates and background check updates as needed.

After placement of a child with a family, there is an estimated one to three month supervisory period of time before finalization of the adoption in court. This period can be shorter or longer, depending on the situation with the court and the birth father.

Fee Schedule

\$350 application fee (due at the time of application) non-refundable

- \$75 per each additional person age 10 and over in the family for initial background checks (non-refundable)

\$1500 home study fee (due at the time of the home study)-a home study is good for one year

- \$350 Home study update – only for those who already have an approved home study that has expired
- \$500 Home study re-evaluation-only for those who adopted a child through CCNEK previously (no application fee or education fee assessed)

\$2,700 guidance and support fee (due after home study visit and before being placed on the active family list)

\$6,000 - \$15,000 Placement fee (based on 8% of combined gross income-due at the time of placement)

Additional costs such as legal fees to cover the relinquishment of the baby, medical expenses for the birth mother that are not covered by her insurance, medical expenses for the baby, possible living expenses for the birth mother, and mileage expenses could be assessed.

Thank you for your interest in our adoption program. We know that you have experienced and dealt with many emotions in reaching your decision to consider adoption. We are committed to helping you build your family through adoption and should you have any questions relating to your desire to adopt, please feel free to contact Heather Roberts, at hroberts@catholiccharitiesks.org or (913)433-2063.