



Christian  
Family Care

7

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

# Adopting a Child

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Welcoming a child into your home through adoption can be equal parts exciting and overwhelming. Our goal is to give you seven things you should know before you move forward in your adoption journey.





## 1

### Choosing an Agency

Adoption agencies may differ in the requirements and supports offered to families wanting to adopt. In Arizona, there are mandatory state requirements such as passing a background check and passing a home safety inspection, but agencies may have additional requirements. As you research agencies, it's essential to choose an agency that aligns with your values and beliefs.

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### Attend Information Session

At Christian Family Care, you start calling (800) 939-5432 to speak with a Recruitment Coordinator or email [helpkids@cfcare.org](mailto:helpkids@cfcare.org). Our Recruitment Coordinator will answer your questions, request a brief application, and have you review our Statement of Faith and share your testimony.

For a list of upcoming info sessions visit our Facebook Events [page](#).



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### Meet an Adoption Specialist in Person

An Adoption Specialist will meet with you in person at your home or our office to learn more about your call to adoption, review the paperwork required for your home study, and answer your questions.

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### Attend DCS Adoption Boot Camp

We have developed a six-week series just for our adoptive families called DCS Adoption Boot Camp. In these classes, you'll learn all about how kids are matched with adoptive families, the impact of trauma on children, how grief and loss is experienced by children and adoptive families, trauma-informed parenting strategies, the role of attachment in trauma and adoption, and how to help children with their adoption identity.

*“Father of the fatherless and protector  
of widows is God in his holy habitation.  
God settles the solitary in a home.”  
Psalm 68: 5–6*



## 5

### **Complete a Home Study Assessment**

At CFC, we want our families to thrive in their adoption journey so we dive deep with you and explore your own childhood experiences, your marital relationship (as applicable), your finances, social history, health, and more. After the training and assessment, we'll write a home study. The Judge then approves or denies the application.

## 6

### **Waiting for the Match**

The DCS Specialist ultimately decides which family is selected to adopt a child. They are looking for which family can best meet the child's emotional, social, physical, intellectual, safety, and mental health needs. Some families are matched within a few weeks of being certified and others wait years. It depends a lot on what child you're equipped to parent as well. The more open you are in the age range of children, the behaviors you can parent through, and the needs of children who have experienced neglect, abuse, and other trauma, the more likely we are to match you to a waiting child.

## The Right Fit

Christian Family Care will share profiles of children seeking a forever family that fit your child desired parameters.

The goal is to find the best family for the child – to match you with a child that you can give the best opportunity of healing to.



*Learn more at:*

*[https://cfcare.org/adoption/  
adoptable-youth/](https://cfcare.org/adoption/adoptable-youth/)*



## **Raising Funds**

Adoption costs vary depending on how you go about adopting and which agency you choose. There are some ways that you can help fund your adoption.

### **Adoption Tax Credit**

You may qualify for the adoption tax credit if you adopted a child and paid out-of-pocket expenses relating to the adoption or if you adopted a child with special needs.

### **Adoption Subsidy**

A combination of state and federal funds of \$2,000 may be available to families who adopt a child with unique needs. Additional long-term benefits may be available if you adopt a child with special needs.



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### **Questions?**

To learn more about the process of adopting and how to get started, feel free to contact Christian Family Care at [Adoption@CFCare.org](mailto:Adoption@CFCare.org), or by phone at 602-234-1935.

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