

Types of Adoption



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Family Choices, NFPC offers many valuable services to adopting parent(s) including:

- Domestic and International Home Studies
- Adoption Education Classes
- Post Placement Services
- Foster Care Licensing
- Adoption Placement
- Subsidy Processing Assistance
- International Adoption Services
- Interstate Adoption Services
- Other Related Services

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There are two main groups that handle adoptions in Illinois. They are adoption agencies, both public and private, and independent adoptions, conducted through an attorney. Both have different advantages, but usually adoptions are a combination of agencies and attorneys working together for the best interests of the child.

Adoption is generally broken down into several different types. They include:

- Infant/Newborn Adoption (0 to 12 months)
- Younger Child Adoption (1 to 5 years)
- Older Child Adoption (5 years or older)
- International Adoptions
- Interstate Adoptions
- Foster Child Adoption
- Special Needs Adoption
- Relative Adoption
- And Step Child Adoption

Primarily private adoption agencies, like Family Choices NFPC, work with these types of adoption. While the requirements may differ between the types, all adoptions are similar in that our agency provides assistance in fulfilling the legal requirements within the adoption process, and helps bring adopting couples and children together to create loving and nurturing homes.

Infant/Newborn Adoptions - (child usually 0 to 12 months) are usually the first type of adoption sought by an adopting couple. This type of adoption generally takes the longest and waiting times vary tremendously, but can be as long as 2 or more years.

Younger Child Adoptions— (child usually 1 year to 5 years old) are done for many various reasons. Waiting times are generally less than infant/newborn adoptions.

Older Child Adoptions—(child usually over 5 years old) are also done for many various reasons. Waiting times are generally less than infant/newborn adoptions.

International Adoptions— The child in this type of adoption is born in a foreign country and adopted by a couple from the United States. Waiting times depend on the country or region where the child is from and include children that are Infants/Newborns, Younger Children, and Older Children.

Interstate Adoption—This is a type of adoption where children from one state are adopted by parents from another state. There are specific rules you and the agency follow defined by the Interstate Compact.

Foster Child Adoption— this type of adoption is usually done by public agencies, but private agencies also place foster children for adoption. Ages and waiting times vary greatly in this category, but are generally significantly less than infant/newborn adoptions.

Special Needs Adoptions— include children of all ages and backgrounds. These children have special circumstances that generally provide special subsidies or assistance to help the adoptive parents care for and address the special needs of the child. Even though they may require special care or intervention, they are no different than any other child.

Related Adoptions— generally an adoption between related people, such as when a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or other related person adopts a child related to them by blood or marriage. Usually these adoptions are less expensive and take less time.

Step Parent Adoption— is an adoption of a child by that child's step mother or father. Like related adoptions, these adoptions usually take less time and are less expensive.