



Pregnancy, Parenting, & Adoption Finally Home




Finally Home is an adoption licensing service provided through Catholic Charities of Dallas' Pregnancy, Parenting & Adoption Services. Through Finally Home, families are licensed with the Department of Family and Protective Services to adopt children in DFPS custody into forever homes.

Who can we adopt?

We are specifically seeking families willing to provide loving homes for children age 9-17, sibling groups, and children with specialized needs.

Contact Us
214-526-2772

Services provided

-  Step-by-step guidance through licensing/match/placement process
-  Ongoing training and peer support group
-  Experience, supportive case manager and permanency team



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Can I be an adoptive parent?

To adopt through CCD PP&A Finally Home Program:

- Must be financially stable.
- Must live in the Diocese of Dallas or within a 50 mi. radius of CCD Central Services Office.
- At least one parent must be a United States citizen or must provide proof of legal status. • Allow staff to complete a criminal history background check and an abuse/neglect check on all household members 14 years of age or older.
- Complete an agency application.
- Share information regarding their background and lifestyle.
- Provide relative, non-relative, and pastoral references.
- Show proof of marriage and/or divorce.
- Agree to a home study which includes visits with all household members.
- Attend free training to learn about issues of abused and neglected children.

Responsibilities of Finally Home Adoptive Parents:

- Provide permanent homes and a lifelong commitment to children into adulthood.
- Provide for the short-term and long term needs of children.
- Provide for children's emotional, mental, physical, social, educational, and cultural needs, according to each child's developmental age and growth.

Other program requirements:

In addition to basic parenting requirements, adoptive parents must:

- Have adequate sleeping space in their home.
- Not provide care for more than six children in your home.
- Agree to a non-physical discipline policy.
- Permit, fire, health and safety inspections of the home.
- Vaccinate all pets according to state standards.
- Obtain and maintain CPR/First Aid certification.
- Obtain TB testing as required by the local health department for household members.
- Attend 20 hours or more of ongoing training and education each year.

Adoption Assistance

Many children adopted through DFPS have access to program benefits, including:

- Medicaid health care coverage.
- Reimbursement for non-recurring expenses.
- Monthly payments to assist with the child's needs.

Qualification criteria for State adoption assistance:

- Children must be at least six years old.
- Children is at least two years old and a member of a racial or ethnic group that exits foster care at a slower pace than other racial or ethnic groups.
- The child is being adopted with a sibling or to join a sibling.
- The child has a verifiable physical, mental, or emotional disabling condition, as established by an appropriately qualified professional through a diagnosis that addresses: (a) what the condition is; and (b) that the condition is disabling.