Adoption

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Adoption brings a child born to other parents into a new family. Birth parents have a number of reasons for placing children for adoption. In the end, it’s usually because they want better lives for their children than they feel they can provide.

Children who are eligible for adoption come from many different settings. Some are in foster care, a temporary home setting. Other children live in orphanages or with birth relatives until they can be adopted.

There are different kinds of adoption. Whether the adoption is international versus domestic depends on whether a child is born in another country or born within the United States.

Start Here
- Adoption [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/adoPTION.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/empiezo.cfm]
  Also available in Spanish [http://familydoctor.org/familydoctor/es/pregnancy-newborns/caring-for-newborns/adoPTION/what-is-an-adoPTION-plan.prINTERVIEW.all.html]

Overviews
- Adoption Options [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_adoPToption.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/hoja.cfm]

Coping
- Impact of Adoption on Adopted Persons [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_adimpact.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/impactoadptadas.cfm]
- Impact of Adoption on Birth Parents [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_impact/] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/impactobio/]
Specific Conditions

- Foster Parents Considering Adoption [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_fospar.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
- Intercountry Adoption [http://adoption.state.gov] (Department of State)
- International Adoption: Health Information for International Travel [http://www.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2012/chapter-7-international-travel-infants-children/international-adoption.htm] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Military Families and Adoption [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_milita.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
- Open Adoption: Could Open Adoption be the Best Choice for You and Your Baby? [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/openadoption.pdf] (Children's Bureau) - PDF
- Transracial and Transcultural Adoption [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_trans.cfm] (Children's Bureau)

Related Issues

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/proceso.cfm]
- Are You Pregnant and Thinking about Adoption? [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_pregnal/] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/esta.cfm]
- Foster Care
  [http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Foster_Care_e_64.aspx] (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/cuidadoresfam/index.cfm]
- Medical Issues in Adoption [http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/medical_adopt.html] (Nemours Foundation)
- Obtaining Background Information on Your Prospective Adopted Child [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_background.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
- Searching for Birth Relatives [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_search.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/buscando/index.cfm]

Financial Issues

- Adoption Assistance by State [http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/adopt%5Fassistance/] (Children's Bureau)
- Adoption Assistance for Children Adopted from Foster Care [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_subsid.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/sp_subsid.cfm]
- Costs of Adopting [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/s_cost/] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/s_costsp/index.cfm]
- Employer-Provided Adoption Benefits [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_benefi.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/sp_benefi.cfm]
- Tax Topics: Adoption Credit [http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html] (Internal Revenue Service)

Clinical Trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Foster Home Care [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Foster+Home+Care%22] NIH (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Promoting the well-being of children whose parents are gay or... [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23519941?tool=MedlinePlus]
- Article: Promoting the well-being of children whose parents are gay or...

Dictionaries/Glossaries
- Adoption: Glossary [http://www.childwelfare.gov/admin/glossary/] (Children's Bureau)

Directories
- AdoptUSKids [http://www.adoptuskids.org/] - Includes photographs and descriptions of children available for adoption in the U.S.
- National Foster Care and Adoption Directory Search [http://www.childwelfare.gov/nfcad/index.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/nfcad/index.cfm?event=viewNamSearchForm]
- National Organizations [http://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/] (Children's Bureau)
- U.S. Adoption Agencies That Place Children from Abroad [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/country_resource_lists.cfm] (Children's Bureau)

Organizations
- Administration for Children and Families [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/]
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [http://www.uscis.gov/]

Law and Policy
- Adoption (Intercountry) [http://www.uscis.gov/adoptions] (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)
- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) [http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/] (Department of Labor)
- Intercountry Adoption: Where Do I Start [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_inter/] (Children's Bureau)
- Relevant Adoption Laws, Policies, and Legal Considerations [http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoptions/adoptive/considerations.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
- Stepparent Adoption [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_step.cfm] (Children's Bureau)
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_step_sp.cfm]
- What Every Parent Should Know About Social Security [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm?tabNum=2#0=1] (Social Security Administration)

Statistics
- Adoption Statistics [http://adoption.state.gov/about_us/statistics.php] (Department of State)

Children
- Adoption and Sibling Rivalry [http://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/family-dynamics/types-of-

  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/kid/en_espanol/sentimientos/adoption_esp.html]
- Foster Families [http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/home_family/foster_families.html] (Nemours Foundation)

Teenagers

- Adoption [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/families/adoption.html] (Nemours Foundation)

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