

FEES INVOLVED WITH ADOPTION

It is Share Homes policy not to charge fees for adoption. However, there are fees for the following requirements:

- Fingerprint clearance
- CPR/First Aid certification
- Health screening
- Other miscellaneous expenses

After the finalization of your adoption, you may be reimbursed up to \$400.00 for non-recurring adoption expenses through the County - so keep receipts after the adoption is finalized. There is also a \$10,000 tax credit per child available once the adoption has been completed. Please check with your tax advisor as to current laws.

POST ADOPTION SERVICES

- Counseling
- Case Management*

* offered with approval of AAP social worker



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for adoptable children.*



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OUR MISSION

It is the mission of Share Homes Adoption and Foster Care Agency, through team advocacy with adoptive parents, social workers, and community organizations, to enhance the lives of children by providing loving, stable, and permanent homes for children in need.

WHO WE ARE

Share Homes, Inc. is a non-profit (Tax I.D. #94-3042623) public benefit corporation incorporated and licensed as a foster care agency in Lodi, California in 1987 (#390310451). The Elk Grove office was licensed in 1999 (#347001320). The adoption license was received in 2002 (#397001963).

WHAT WE DO

Share Homes provides foster and adoptive homes to children between the ages of birth to 18 years. We are a full service Adoption agency providing services to families who live within two hours driving distance from either of our two offices.

BACKGROUNDS OF CHILDREN WE SERVE

- Physically abused
- Sexually abused
- Emotionally abused
- Neglected

REASONS PEOPLE ADOPT

- Infertility
- Desire to help a waiting child
- Would like to add to their family

WHO CAN ADOPT

- Married or single individuals
- At least 21 years old
- Rent or own your home
- Have sufficient income to support yourself
- Be in good health, physically and mentally
- Working or stay at home parents
- Parents with or without specific religious beliefs

ADOPTION APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be fingerprint and child abuse cleared for adoptions, as well as, other adults living in the home
- Pass licensing and agency regulations
- Have a valid CDL, clean driving record, and an insured, safe, operating vehicle
- Complete the entire process, which includes: orientation, pre-certification training, adoption training, paperwork, and an in-depth home study
- Live within two hours of our office
- Be certified as a foster parent as well



REQUIREMENTS

Persons wishing to adopt are required to go through our foster care licensing process prior to being approved as an adoptive home. (This does not mean that prospective adoptive parents must provide foster care).

Children being considered for adoption must reside in the prospective adoptive parent's home for at least six months as a foster child prior to adoption. Therefore, your home will be certified as both a foster and adoptive home.

The foster care licensing process includes:

- A two hour orientation
- An eight hour pre-certification training
- CPR and First Aid training
- Fingerprint and background check
- Three home visits to complete a screening interview, a home safety inspection, and a home study.

The adoption process includes:

- Adoption fingerprints and a background check
- Adoption paperwork completion
- Adoption home study
- Trainings to include:
 - Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)
 - Basics of Adoption
 - Trans-racial Adoptions
 - Attachment and Bonding
 - Grief and Loss