



Thank You For Interest in Adopting an Arizona Foster Child!

We are so grateful that you have expressed interest in adopting a vulnerable child from the Arizona state foster care children. Below is information about the adoption certification process.

There are basic requirements for adopting from the foster care system. You must be 18 years of age to adopt. You can be single, married, or in a relationship. If you are married, both parties must complete all requirements.

While you do not have to become foster parents prior to adopting children from the state foster care system, in Arizona adoptive parent(s) must be certified by the court as acceptable to adopt children. A certificate will be issued after all necessary requirements are met.

The certification process includes:

- written application
- adoption orientation and training
- a certification investigation and report to the court that considers the prospective adoptive parents' fitness to adopt children and includes:
 - social history and references
 - stable finances
 - safe, stable home environment
 - moral fitness
 - physical and mental health
 - any court action regarding child abuse
 - a valid fingerprint clearance card, local criminal background check, and FBI criminal background check for every adult member of your home
 - any other relevant information

If you meet the requirements above, you can most likely provide a child the loving family he or she longs for. Your next step is to connect with an adoption agency for more details and to discuss your options for adopting within the Arizona foster care system.

A licensed Arizona adoption agency that specializes in adoptions directly from the foster care system will be reaching out to you soon to answer any questions you may have and help you move forward to becoming a forever family for an Arizona foster child that is waiting to be loved by you!