

About Our Adoption Program

Bethany for Children & Families offers domestic, special needs, and international adoption services to families.

Bethany provides:

- Adoption preparation
- Pre-placement services
- A home study, including assessments that meet the international and immigration service guidelines
- Preparation of international documents and coordination with international placement agencies
- Post-placement services until finalization of the adoption
- Post legal services
- Adoption preservation services.

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Adoption Preservation Services

Support for newly adoptive parents



Adoption *Preservation* Services



Finalizing your adoption is just the beginning...

Adoptive children and their families may experience challenges after the adoption is finalized.

The goal of **Adoption Preservation** is to provide post-adoptive support to adoptive families, including counseling and conflict resolution and mediation, as needed. It also provides resources that will support adoptive families in building strong, healthy relationships and offer support groups to discuss adoption issues.

This program will enhance the family's ability to support their child in making behavioral changes to improve his/her emotional well-being. These changes should stabilize the adoptive placement making it easier on the parent and child.



Who is eligible for services?

Families with children that are eligible for, or have an existing Iowa Title XIX card are eligible for adoptive preservation services.

Available support:

- Attachment and bonding
- Anger management
- Relationship building
- Communication skills
- Behavior management
- Problem solving skills
- Social skills
- Support Groups

Who will be working with the family?

Adoption specialists with years of experience in both human services and adoption-related issues including grief and loss, building trust, developing open communication, and behavior management.

The adoption specialist's goal is to provide the family with support, help them deal with testing behaviors, build the skills necessary to improve the child's emotional well-being and provide crisis intervention as needed.

Who may refer a child and the family for services?

Referrals are accepted from family, physicians, counselors, Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) staff, Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (IFAPA), or any individual concerned with the family's well-being.



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