

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Do you have babies for adoption? Rarely, our children come through the foster care system and can be up to age 18.
- How much does it cost to adopt? If you adopt a child through the foster care system, there is usually no charge. Most of the children leaving foster care through adoption have a special need so the adoption assistance program would cover the cost.
- Are there services after the adoption is final? Our agency offers Post Adoption Services. This includes information and referrals to help with identified issues.
- How long does it take to adopt? We cannot give a specific time frame. The first step is the MAPP training class which lasts ten weeks. The families are prioritized on the family and agency needs. Also, finding and recruiting for the right child is time consuming.
- Is there an income requirement? There is not a specific income amount. We verify the income and there is also a financial statement that is required. We evaluate whether you can afford to provide the basic needs, shelter, food, clothing, etc. for your family and the addition of a child or children.

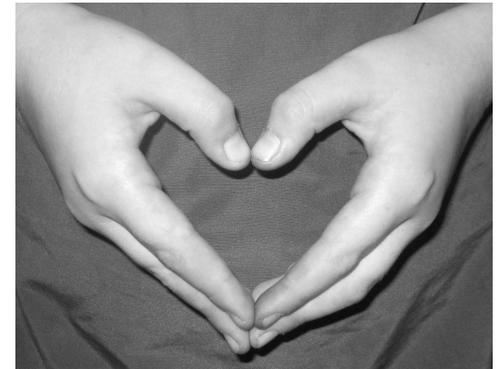
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## ADOPTION SERVICES

The Randolph County Department of Social Services facilitates adoptive placements regardless of race, age, or national origin of the child or adoptive family.

- **The primary purpose**— to help a child become part of a new family. This includes preparing the child for adoption, recruiting and training adoptive families, pre and post- adoption services, etc.
- **Second**— to provide Pre-Placement Assessments (home studies) to county citizens who want to adopt a child or children from the foster care system.
- **Third**— to fulfill the Agency's statutory requirements to supervise adoptions of children by relatives, including stepparents, and to file required Court forms in a timely manner.



## CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

Randolph County Department of Social Services seldom have infants available for adoption; instead we have children who have been removed from their birth families because of abuse, neglect, or dependency and whose parents are either unable or unwilling to make the basic changes necessary to regain custody of their children. These children have suffered some degree of trauma in their families or origin and separation from them causes more trauma, even though it may not be evident until years later.



Most of the children in foster care have some type of Special Needs including:

- Age 6 or older or a sibling group needing placement together.
- Minority or mixed race children of any age.
- Children with a diagnosable physical, educational, medical and/or emotional condition.



## Adoption Requirements:

- Must be at least 21 years old (married or single)
- Complete required state training (MAPP)- 30hours
- Fingerprint clearance through the FBI and SBI
- Criminal and Child Abuse record check clearance, as well as the Sex Offender Registry and Nurse Aid Registry
- Medical exam on adults in the home
- Five references
- Wage verification and financial statement
- Verification of marriage, divorces, birth certificate, social security cards, and driver's licenses
- Completed Pre-Placement Assessment (Home Study)
- Approval by Adoption Committee