

## Our Services

- Private Adoptions
- Relative Adoptions
- Homestudies
- Post-Placement Support
- Birth Parent Counseling
- Pre-Adoptive Counseling and Education
- Assistance to your adoption lawyer with preparation of paperwork for adoption finalization



## How to begin your adoption journey....

- Request our information packet by calling 1.800.458.0651.
- Attend our free information meetings, and have your questions answered in person.
- Request an adoption application.
- Visit our website at:  
[www.adoptionoptionslsmnj.org](http://www.adoptionoptionslsmnj.org)

# Adoption OPTiONS

Part of  Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ

## Building Families Since 1948

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey began with the establishment of an orphanage in Jersey City in 1904. We have been a licensed adoption agency since 1948. We offer a multi-faceted statewide adoption program, focused on building healthy families and supporting all those touched by adoption. We are dedicated to serving all people regardless of faith, income, race, and marital status.

We provide compassionate, caring services for all those involved in the adoption process.

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## Looking to Adopt?



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## WHY CHOOSE Adoption Options?

- Dedicated, loving services in which birth families and adoptive families feel supported and honored.
- Statewide recognition in upholding ethical standards.
- Leaders in the adoption community.
- Educational opportunities in preparation for your adoption experience, as well as after your child comes home.
- Mentor families willing to share their experience and provide insight and practical information.
- Reasonable fees for services.



At Adoption Options, we will help you discover what type of adoption is best suited for you. You will be provided with adoption education and guidance throughout the process. We can assist with the homestudy process, preparation of your family profile, the matching process, the placement of a child in your home and post-placement supervision.

### ■ A Note from an Adoptive Family

*We are reminded of the gift that we were given in becoming parents when we send photos and updates to our daughter's birth family. We know that she is a gift from God that we received with the help of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey.*

*We feel blessed to have worked with this wonderful agency, whose morals and values concerning the welfare of children and families match ours.*

*We are grateful for all the expertise, guidance, love and support they shared with us as we walked together on our adoption journey. Throughout the entire process we felt their desire for us to become a family.*

*Don and Ann*

## OUR PROGRAMS

### Waiting Child Program

We work with many out-of-state public adoption agencies to help find families for children who are legally free for adoption. There are more than 100,000 children across the United States who are currently waiting to be placed in an adoptive home. The children are in the custody of the state in which they reside and live in foster homes or residential facilities. They have been removed from the care of their birth family due to neglectful or abusive circumstances. There are increasingly large numbers of foster children, who need forever families.

### Open Infant Adoption Program

Adoption Options is an open adoption agency, which offers children the opportunity to have a connection with their birth family. The birth and adoptive parents agree to keep some type of connection going for the best interest of the child. The level of openness can vary in each adoption relationship, ranging from letters and pictures to phone calls and visits. Our staff will always be available to provide the necessary support to help both parties establish and maintain a positive connection throughout the lifelong process of adoption.

