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How exciting that you're considering adoption! Adoption is a wonderful way to expand your family! LFCS understands your feelings and concerns. We are here to provide you with support and encouragement through what can be an amazing process, although sometimes challenging.

LFCS has offices located in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Springfield and St. Louis, but that doesn't mean you also have to be located in one of those areas. Members of our professional staff are more than happy to go the distance! Once you receive services from LFCS, you are always part of our family!

Our success builds families, see our accomplishments statewide in the paragraphs below.

Placements

Since the year 2000, LFCS has assisted over 600 children in finding permanent homes! In 2007, forever families brought home 17 children through the LFCS domestic adoption program. This included 9 Caucasian children, 5 children of African American heritage and 3 children of other ethnicities. LFCS assisted 15 families and their children through independent adoption and 40 children through guardianship arrangements. Through the intercountry adoption process, 27 children found forever homes.



In order to make the adoption process more 'consumer friendly' we are including the LFCS adoption application for download from this site. That way you can download a hard copy of the adoption application, complete it and send it on to our St. Louis office for processing. Also for your convenience attached are other forms used in the assessment of your application for adoption that include the Financial Worksheet, the Adoption Self Assessment, and Your Child's Profile. These are important tools as together we begin the process of understanding what adoption will look like in your family.

To assist you in your search for reliable information on adoption, a helpful publication from the Attorney General about adoption in Missouri can be ordered at ago.mo.gov

Thank you for contacting Lutheran Family and Children's services! We look forward to assisting you in building your family in whatever way best meets your needs. For more information please contact Jean Mockobey at (314) 787-5100, or any of our offices listed below.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Scheurer
Director, Child Welfare Program