Inter-State adoption refers to the adoption of children who were either born in or reside in the continental United States. Catholic Charities will work with the adoptive family to create a home study. The adoptive family and Catholic Charities will partner with a second agency of the family’s choosing who will match the family with a birth mother and place a child in the family’s home. Catholic Charities will ensure you meet the State of Wisconsin requirements for adoption and will support you from the beginning stages of your adoption, through the adoption process and beyond post-placement services.

When a family completes an inter-state adoption, an approval must be granted from the sending state (the state the baby is born in) and the receiving state (the state where the adoptive parents reside). This is referred to as the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children or ICPC. ICPC is important to ensure that each state is following the same guidelines and procedures to ensure placements promote the best interest of each child. In partnership with your out of state agency, Catholic Charities will help you complete the necessary ICPC paperwork in order to ensure your adoption is in compliance with the law.

When adopting through Catholic Charities Inter-State Program, costs, profiles of children and timelines vary drastically, depending on the type of agency used, how open the adoptive family is to different situations and from state-to-state. It is important to work with a licensed agency that is in good standing. Please ask your Social Worker about a list of agencies we have worked with in the past or for more information about this and other program options. You may also visit our website for further information at www.cclse.org.