Step-Parent Adoption

Catholic Charities Step-Parent Adoption Program is designed to assist families with the legal process of terminating parental rights and finalizing your adoption. Catholic Charities will provide you with a comprehensive screening, which will be provided to the court and is required by the State of Wisconsin. We will also guide you through the process of changing and applying for your child’s new birth certificate.

If you do not already have legal representation, it is recommended that you hire an Attorney who is versed in adoption practices. Catholic Charities is able to provide you with a referral at your request.

Children do best when they are provided the truth. As a condition of our program (when age-appropriate), Catholic Charities will be speaking with your child about his/her birth parent, the pending adoption, and his/her relationship with the adoptive parent. It is your responsibility to speak to your child prior to this meeting. If you are unsure about having this conversation with your child, you may want to seek assistance regarding some ways to have that discussion.

For more information on Catholic Charities Step-Parent Adoption Program, please contact your Adoption Social Worker or visit our website at www.cclse.org.