



### Services – Domestic Adoption and International Adoption

Bethany Christian Services of Illinois provides a wide range of services to prospective adoptive parents including counseling and support, educational classes, home study services, referral, and post placement services. We hope your experience with Bethany will be supportive, educational, and fulfilling. Please visit [www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org) for a comprehensive description of services, mission and philosophy.

See \*Domestic Adoption Process Illinois for a description of the domestic application and home study process.

### Access to Service and Eligibility

All families adopting through the adoption programs of Bethany Christian Services must demonstrate their readiness to parent through completion of a home study in accordance with Illinois state law. (See \*Adoptive Family Approval Procedure).

All families must attend a Bethany Information Meeting, if possible, and meet the education requirements in preparation of a successful adoption.

Bethany Christian Services requires that all families seeking to adopt through the Domestic Infant Adoption program be active members of a Christian church. Families will sign the Agency Statement of Faith and write a personal Statement of Faith. This is not a requirement in an identified adoption, for a contract home study, at the request of a birth parent or in the International Adoption program.

Prospective clients typically contact the agency through our website or by a telephone call to our office. It is our goal to respond to inquiries within 24 hours. A great deal of information is located on the Bethany website and our office offers regularly scheduled orientation meetings (posted on the website) to provide further information. Our staff is also happy to answer specific questions by phone or e-mail.

Bethany counselors keep a written record of all contacts with clients in a confidential case file.

### Fees

See \*BCSChicagoIL Dom Fee Schedule

