



Loving Alternative

The adoption agency of Living Alternatives

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Eligibility Requirements

1. **Applicants must be legally married husband and wife who have a stable marriage.** Our birth parents are usually single mothers, who have decided for adoption so their baby can grow up with both a father and a mother who love each other as much as they would love their child. Couples who are hurting and/or lonely may wish to seek counseling before seeking to adopt a child of any age or condition.
2. **The adoptive couple has to be married for a minimum of three years.** Marital maturity and stability is imperative to all concerned in the adoption process. It is important for the birth parent(s) to have the security of knowing that the adoptive couple's marriage has been proven with time. The child will also benefit from a stable marriage relationship.
3. **The adoptive couple should be between 25 and 45 years old for an infant.** For a toddler or a school age child, the age of the couple will be considered as it relates to the adoptive child.
4. **The adoptive couple has to be members of the same church affiliation within the limits of traditional Christianity.** Birth parent(s) seek the adoption services of Loving Alternative because they desire the child to be raised by adoptive parents who have committed their lives to following Jesus Christ.
5. **The adoptive couple has to submit proof of current and past employment and has to have good employment record.**
6. **The adoptive couple has to be in good physical health.** If a health problem exists it must be under control.
7. **The adoptive couple has to be financially secure.** Out of selfless love, our birth mothers choose to give life to their babies, rather than abort them. Many times their decision for adoption is influenced by their lack of financial ability to raise the child. They choose to allow others to fulfill the parenting role, rather than raise a child in a situation that would be less financially stable. We believe that couples that have been good stewards of God's resources will find ways to provide for the expense of raising a child to adulthood. How much a couple earns is not nearly as important as how well they manage what they do have.
8. **The adoptive couple has to be pro-life.** Since our ministry exists to provide adoption as a positive alternative to abortion, we desire to work with couples that believe in the pro-life cause. Over 1.5 million babies are aborted each year. These babies should be adopted instead; by the many couples that have room in their hearts and homes for children. Loving Alternative encourages prospective couples to become involved in promoting alternatives to abortion.