Birth Fathers

Illinois law allows you choices regarding identifying the father of the baby.

- LCFS can provide services to him including talking with him about a surrender of his parental rights and meeting with him to sign the paperwork.
- If the birth father does not choose to be involved, there are legal options for termination of his rights.

Interstate Adoption

If you’ve selected a family from outside of Illinois, we can assist you with the adoption.

In response to God’s love, LCFS engages with youth, adults, families, communities and other stakeholders to improve the well-being of those we are called to serve.

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) annually improves the well-being of people statewide by nurturing and protecting children, strengthening families and transforming communities. We serve all faiths, races, orientations and ethnic backgrounds.

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Note: None of the images are real clients.
Supporting Your Choices

If you are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) can provide compassionate, respectful and confidential assistance. Services are provided to you at no cost and no one at LCFS will pressure you as you examine your choices.

• Control of the decision-making process is in your hands
• An LCFS caseworker will be provided to educate, support and advocate for you throughout the entire adoption process
• Services are provided to persons of any age, race, sexual orientation, marital status or religion
• If you choose to explore an adoption plan for your child, LCFS will meet with you any place that is convenient for you
• Conversations with your caseworker are confidential

Adoptive Parents

If you choose to move forward with an adoption plan, LCFS can work with you toward placement with parents you have already chosen or assist you in selecting adoptive parents.

• LCFS can arrange for assistance with pregnancy-related living expenses, as allowed by Illinois law
• LCFS will provide information and guidance on openness issues and choices about contact with adoptive parents
• Profiles of adoptive parents who have completed in-depth home studies can be provided

Placement

Even if you are planning adoption, you have the right to change your mind at any time during the process.

• Placement of the baby can be directly from the hospital to the adoptive parents
• Illinois law requires the birth mother to wait at least 72 hours before relinquishing parental rights
• After you place your child for adoption, LCFS will continue to support and assist you. If you choose to parent your baby, follow-up services, including referrals to resources for parents and children, are available as needed

For additional information of LCFS’ Birth Parent Services, visit www.lcfs.org/birth-parent-services or contact 708-488-5582.