

Which Program Is Right For Our Family?

Program	Age of available children	Cost	Financial Assistance	Average Time Frame	How a child is matched with your family	Requirements
Domestic Adoption	The average child is 0-6 months old.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$18,200. - Medical costs not covered by the birthmother's insurance may be passed on to the adoptive family. - Legal fees of approximately \$2000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Tax Credit. - Low cost loan from Bethany Christian Services. - Various grants. 	After completing the family assessment the wait is approximately 1-3 years. (The wait time may vary based on the type of child a family is willing to parent.)	Birthparents select the family they want to parent the child. (The agency assists with making sure a compatible match is made.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One parent must stay home for at least 3 months with the child after placement. - Must complete faith statements.
Intercountry Adoption	Varies depending on country; as young as birth and as old as 15 years at time of referral.	Varies depending on country; range is typically \$20,000-\$35,000, including travel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Tax Credit. - Low cost loan from Bethany Christian Services. - Various grants. 	Varies depending on country.	Varies depending on country; some countries assign referrals; in other instances, the families select the child.	Varies depending on country.
Foster Care/ To Adopt	Generally 10-18 although this varies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physicals. - Clearances. (\$20 per person over 18 in household.) -FBI fingerprint \$40 per person 	This program is subsidized by the state. A monthly stipend and medical insurance is also provided by the state. (The amount depends on the child.)	Variable due to the age, race and behavioral issues a family is willing to accept.	County caseworkers contact BCS when they have a child in need of placement. BCS will provide as much information about the child as is known.	Must be willing to transport child to visits with biological family and counseling.
SWAN (Statewide Adoption Network)	Up to age 18, most children are over 8 years old.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physicals. - Clearances. (\$20 per person over 18 in household.) -FBI fingerprint \$40 per person 	This program is subsidized by the state. A monthly stipend is also provided by the state until the child is 18. (The amount depends on the child.)	About one year from submitting an application. (This time frame varies based on the age and type of child a family is willing to parent.)	This agency works to find children who are a match with your family. The child's county caseworker selects the family who will adopt the child.	Open to families who are married or single; must be flexible and committed.