



Designated Adoption: *We have been matched with a birth mother who lives out of state or we are interested in working with an adoption agency out of state.*

LFS provides services to your family to complete an adoption with an out of state agency.

- Home study
- Adoption Education Classes
- Coordination and Interagency Agreement with Cooperating Agency
- ICPC assistance
- Post placement reports and support

Expectant Parent Cooperative Agency

The expectant parent will need to be provided relinquishment services by a licensed agency or attorney in her state. If she is not currently connected to an agency, we may be able to help locate an agency to assist with this process. You will need to sign a separate fee agreement with the agency or attorney working with the expectant parents and you will be responsible for their fees. These fees vary and may include relinquishment counseling, legal services, birth parent expenses and medical costs.

Partnering with an agency

If you have been referred by an out of state agency or have located an agency you are interested in working with, we will send the completed study to that agency. If you are matched with a child by that agency we will coordinate with them regarding placement of the child. We will send your study to two agencies without charging additional fees.

Due to Colorado state statute, adoptive families are not permitted to pay for the service of a facilitator and LFS is not allowed to send your SAFE study to a facilitator. A facilitator is an unlicensed agency or entity who “matches” expectant parents with adoptive parents for a fee. We will only coordinate adoptions with licensed agencies or attorneys located in the same state as the expectant parents.

Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)

ICPC is a process where both the sending state of the expectant parents and state of Colorado must approve a placement prior to the child being allowed to return home. LFS will coordinate with the expectant parents’ agency or attorney to send your home study and necessary documents. The average wait time is from seven days to three weeks. Since the baby may be discharged sooner than receiving ICPC approval, you will need to prepare a temporary place to stay with the child.

Post Placement

Once the child is placed with you and you have returned to Colorado after receiving ICPC approval, your adoption counselor will provide post placement support as well as reports to the court. If you choose to finalize your adoption in Colorado, your adoption counselor will assist you.

For a complete copy of our fee agreement or for any other questions or concerns, please contact the office at 303-217-5863 or at adoption@fsrm.org. It is our honor to be part of your adoption journey!