



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

# Maternity and Adoption

## OVERVIEW

**Catholic Charities Maternity and Adoption Services** span the full range of the “adoption circle,” attending to the needs of both parents facing unplanned pregnancies and families seeking to adopt children. It is work that requires great sensitivity and skill, and Catholic Charities has proven itself a “best practice” provider through its accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) and Hague (for international adoption) and licensure through the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

## SERVICES

### MATERNITY/PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Offered free of charge to expectant mothers and fathers and their extended family members of any age, race, religion, marital status or economic status.

- **24 hour Hotline** provides assistance, and support.
- **Confidential Counseling** provided by qualified, experienced counselors to individuals and families as they make life choices and caring plans for their child’s future.
- **Medical Care:** Assistance in arranging medical care using available community resources to promote wellness of mother and child throughout the pre- and post-natal periods of pregnancy.
- **Adoption Planning:** Birth parents are able to select and meet the adoptive family before and after placement; level of communication and openness with adoptive parents is mutually determined. Consultation on legal procedures of adoption. Agency temporary care homes available for infant while parents finalize their

decision to keep child or place with others.

- **Information and referral** and parenting support education available as needed.
- **Community Outreach:** speakers share information with hospitals, parishes, schools, etc.

### DOMESTIC AND INTERCOUNTRY

- **Pre-Adoption services:** monthly adoption information meetings using approved adoption preparation curricula; family home licensing; adoptive home study and assistance with preparing adoption profile; agency-assisted adoptions through interstate compact placements; ongoing educational opportunities and e-newsletter.
- **Post-Adoption services:** post-placement support; family events and membership in Adoption Guild; post-adoption registry, search and reunion services; individual counseling; mediated communication between birth and adoptive families.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGENCY-WIDE SERVICES

Adoption  
Child Development  
Counseling  
Domestic Violence  
Emergency Assistance  
Health Care  
Homelessness  
HIV/AIDS Awareness  
Immigration/Naturalization  
Legal  
Maternity/Pregnancy  
Nutrition  
Refugee Resettlement  
Senior Services  
Senior Housing  
Substance Abuse  
Veterans Services

### 24-HOUR HOTLINE

**1 800-CARE-002**  
**(312) 454-1717**

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. *In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values: Respect, Compassion, Competence and Stewardship.*