

SETON SERVICES
A DIVISION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Agency Guidelines for Adoptive Services

Catholic Charities is a licensed, accredited and nonprofit child-placing agency.

In order to protect and assure children the maximum opportunities for security, growth and development, the agency has the right to deny adoption services (family study) to applicants where any of the following factors apply to them or the members of their household:

1. A conviction, admission or substantial evidence of an act of assault, child battering, child abuse, child molestation or child neglect.
2. Chemical dependency, unless the individual(s) identified as chemically dependent has received treatment, has been chemically free for at least 24 months and is participating in an appropriate after care program.
3. A conviction for any offense involving moral turpitude within the past five years and, at the discretion of the agency, within the past ten years.
4. Felony conviction within the past five years and, at the discretion of the agency, within the past ten years.
5. Physical or mental illness that affects your ability to parent a child.
6. Any evasion of the truth on the application or during the adoption study process to include lying, denial or minimizing the facts.

The above are to be considered minimum standards, and the agency has the authority to establish additional guidelines that adoptive applicants must meet in order to receive adoptive services (family study) and/or to be approved as adoptive applicants. The agency may decide to waive any of the above guidelines at its own discretion, but is not under any obligation to do so. We prefer that you directly address any concerns with us.