



United Methodist Children's Home

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Adoption Frequently Asked Questions

Who can adopt?

Anyone who is at least 21 years of age and can provide the necessary documentation for the home assessment is eligible to adopt.

What are the training requirements?

Perspective adoptive parents are required to attend 36 hours of training in order to be approved as an adoptive home.

What is a home assessment?

A home assessment is a combination of collected information (i.e. background checks, references, medical reports, etc.) and interviews that are compiled in a document that represents who you are as a family.

What if I already have a home assessment?

UMCH will work with your current agency to facilitate a transfer at your request.

What types of adoptions does UMCH provide?

UMCH offers several different opportunities that can assist you in adopting a child. Our primary focus is identifying and placing a waiting child through our Foster to Adopt Program or our Adoption Only Program. We are also capable of assisting you with an International Adoption or Private Infant Adoption.

What is a Waiting Child?

A child that is in the permanent custody of a county children services agency is considered a waiting child.

How many waiting children are available?

According to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, there are 2,700 children in the permanent custody of Ohio's county agencies that are waiting to be adopted.

Do I have to look at children only in Ohio?

UMCH will work with you and help you facilitate any Interstate Compact Placement with a child identified outside the State of Ohio.

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What is the cost to adopt through UMCH?

UMCH's adoption fees start at \$3,950.00. In the case of a waiting child adoption every effort will be made to contract our fees with the custodial county. However, should a contract not be negotiated, the adoptive family will be responsible for the fees. In the case of International and Private Infant Adoptions, the adoptive parents are responsible for all of the fees.

Is there financial assistance available?

UMCH does not offer any financial assistance, however in the case of adopting a waiting child, adoption subsidies may be available.

Does UMCH offer support to adoptive families after finalization?

UMCH provides a range of services to support and help families through a range of issues that may result due to an adoption. Services included in our Post Finalization Program include but are not limited to case management, counseling, planned respite and child stabilization.

How do I get started?

Complete the Pre Application form that is found in the information packet and return with your application fee. The first step in the approval process is completing the 36 hours of training. Through the pre service classes the adoption coordinator will discuss the various programs and help you decide which program best fits your desire to build your family through adoption.

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