



Adoption Services

Children are a special gift; full of love, adventure, hope and joy. At Hillcrest Family Services, we know that every family is a blessing with a child. Adoption is a legal matter involving an individual or a couple and a birth family. Adoption is a very important, major step in one's life, one that must be carefully thought out. Hillcrest Family Services is here to help you every step of the way. With your help, we can give a child a brighter and better future.



Hillcrest Family Services studies families applying for international and Iowa Children, in accordance with Iowa Law. In addition to thorough evaluation of the applicants, an educational approach is used to ensure a successful adoption.



HISTORY

Hillcrest Family Services has been providing adoption services for over 100 years. Hillcrest began its mission by providing services to unwed mothers and has continued with adoption throughout all of Hillcrest's history. We hope to help you make all of your dreams come true, and give you the strength to believe that a child awaits your loving touch.

DOMESTIC ADOPTION

Hillcrest believes adoption should be a cooperative arrangement between birth families and adoptive families. The arrangement that is developed is unique and special based on each party's wishes and desires.

Hillcrest Family Services facilitates:

- Open Adoptions
- Semi-open adoptions
- Closed adoptions

Hillcrest provides home study services as well as post-placement services to the adopting family and birth parent counseling and ongoing support to birth families.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Hillcrest Family Services has been collaborating with other agencies throughout the country to assist families in adopting internationally for many years. Hillcrest has a team approach and works very



closely with the international agency throughout the entire adoption process. Hillcrest provides home study services as well as post-placement services.

Home Study Process

- Several hours of face to face interviews
- An educational seminar on adoption issues
- Psychological and physical exams
- Checks of criminal records, child abuse registry, sex offender registry
- References Obtained
- Home Visit
- Gaining knowledge of applicants life history through interviews and autobiographies



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Thanks to adoption, we have the family we always planned for and two children more wonderful than we ever could have dreamed.

Thank you, Hillcrest, for helping to make the process and our experience with adoption very pleasant. We enjoyed our meetings with Robin and always looked forward to her visits. She was very personable and always made us feel at ease.

We truly appreciate all your efforts and the compassion and respect you show for the birth families and adoptive families alike.

With much thanks and gratitude,
Ron and Trish, proud parents of Rehgan and Trey