



children's home + aid

Adoption Expense Assistance

1) Adoption Tax Credit

Remember to inquire about the Adoption Tax Credit (\$12,970 for the 2013 tax year) as you prepare your taxes. The credit is per child but does phase out at higher income levels. Talk with a certified public accountant for more details or check out the IRS web page on the Adoption Tax Credit: www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html

2) Adoption Grants & Loans

- The National Adoption Foundation: www.nafadopt.org
- Gift of Adoption Fund: www.giftofadoption.org
- Shaoshannah's Hope (Christian families): www.showhope.org
- Help Us Adopt: www.helpusadopt.org
- Resources 4 Adoption: www.resources4adoption.org

Many more resources exist and we cannot list all of them. If you need assistance finding a resource, we will be happy to help.

3) Employee Adoption Assistance Benefit Program

Many employers offer reimbursement for adoption expenses. These benefits are tax exempt. If your employer doesn't offer this benefit, check the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption "Adoption Friendly Workplace" web site at: http://www.adoptionfriendlyworkplace.org/afw/afw_index.asp

4) Subsidies for Military Families

The U.S. Armed Forces offers up to \$2,000 per child in financial assistance to active members of the military who are adopting. For information, go to: www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/adoptionreimbursement.html

5) Donations from Churches & Community Groups

Inquire about donations through your church or other civic organizations in your area.

6) National Endowment for Financial Education

NEFE publishes a comprehensive booklet, "How to Make Adoption an Affordable Option" which can be downloaded from the internet at: www.smartaboutmoney.org/Portals/0/ResourceCenter/HowtoMakeAdoptionAffordableOption.pdf