The Adoption Commitment

Adoption is a life long process where the family is constantly evolving. It is important to understand that as the adoptee grows their ability to understand adoption will also grow. Families need to be prepared to address the significant losses that the adoptee will experience Throughout different developmental stages.

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Post-Adoption Services

Strengthening Forever Families One Day at a Time

What LMC Offers:

- Outreach to Adoptive Families
- Information
- Advocacy
- Referrals
- Education and Support

For more information on Post– Adoption Services please contact:

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Why Life Management Center for Post-Adoption Services?

IT'S SUPPORT YOU CAN COUNT ON

Life Management Center has been providing adoption services to the community for several years and has a strong dedication to our adoptive families. Experienced Adoption Specialists provide comprehensive support and guidance throughout the pre- and post-adoption process.

Post-Adoption services are designed to offer an objective support to the family unit as they continue to grow and develop. Life Management Center offers post-adoption services to families on a voluntary basis from the time of finalization until the child reaches the age of majority.

What Can You Expect?

- Immediate response to your initial inquiry
- A professional and knowledgeable staff that is committed to the family unit
- Linkage to resources in your proximity
- Assessment of the Family's strengths, needs and family support network
- Individualized wrap-around services
- Access to Adoption Competent Therapists
- Adoption Support Groups for parents and teens

Serving Six Counties:

Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties

Lifelong Issues in Adoption

- Loss
- Rejection
- Guilt and Shame
- Grief
- Identity
- Intimacy
- Mastery/Control

(Silverstein and Kaplan 1982)

Tips for Adoptive Parents

- Never Stop Talking About Adoption
- Speak Respectfully
- Understand there will be gaps
- Join Adoption Support Groups