



**INQUIRY TO ADOPTION  
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**START**

Follow "Road to Fostering" to become an open/approved adoptive home

You must be an open/approved home to learn about available children

To learn more about a child, inquire via the Arkansas Heart Gallery

An Adoption Specialist will review your home study to assess compatibility

You'll receive a response to your inquiry within 3 business days

How? Go to **fosterarkansas.org** then "Adoption" tab

Top 3 potential families for child will be considered

If your family is not the best fit, you will be notified + you still are open for other children

If your family is the best fit, an adoption disclosure meeting is held to discuss

If these go well, pre-adoptive placement begins, with weekly home visits to monitor

Number and duration of pre-placement visits based on child's needs

If you wish to proceed after disclosure, pre-placement visits with child start

Pre-adoptive placement lasts minimum of 6 months to ensure bonding and stability

Adoption finalization hearing set; DCFS prepares adoption legal documents



**DONE!**

Adoption Finalized