

ADOPTION INFORMATION BY STATE

In most states, single adults can adopt, and husbands and wives can jointly adopt. A step-parent can adopt the birth child of their spouse.

State	Resource Numbers for US private and public adoptions		Adoption Permissions/Restrictions		Adoption of a Child			Adoption of an Adult	
	State Adoption Program Manager	State Adoption Assistance Specialist (foster care adoption only)	(ICPC) State-to-State Adoption Administrator or	LGBT adoption permissions (where LGBT adoption not banned; one partner adoption and other applies for second parent adoption)	LGBT adoption banned or with issue	Adopted individual must be under a certain age	Eligibility residency requirement (between 6 mo-1 year)	Child adopted must be present in the state at the time petition is filed	Able to petition court to adopt an individual over 18 but under 21 years
Alabama	334-242-9500	334-242-9500	334-242-9500						VVV
Alaska	907-465-3209	907-269-3966	907-465-2105						*
Am. Samoa						+ (18)			*
Arizona	602-542-5499	602-542-5499	602-542-5499			+ (21)	*		
Arkansas	501-682-8437	501-682-2119	501-682-8556						*
California	916-651-7464 916-651-1044	916-327-2052	961-651-8100						
Colorado	303-866-3197	303-866-3209	303-866-2998			+ (18)	*	*	****
Connecticut	860-550-6467	860-550-6410	860-550-6392		***				
DC	202-727-3655	202-727-3655	202-442-6188						*
Delaware	302-633-	302-633-	302-633-2698				*		000

Oklahoma	918-794-7544 405-522-2467	405-521-4375	405-522-0672				*			*		*
Oregon	503-947-5358	503-945-5998	503-945-6685				*			*		*
Pennsylvania	717-705-4401	717-772-1595	717-772-5506	=00			*			*		*
Puerto Rico	787-625-4000	787-625-4000	787-725-5443				*			*		*
Rhode Island	401-254-7020	401-254-7020	401-254-7077			+ (18)	@@		*			
South Carolina	803-898-7707 864-282-4764	803-898-4324	803-898-7707				==		*			
South Dakota	605-773-3227	605-773-3227	605-773-3227									---
Tennessee	615-253-6351	615-253-4717	615-532-5618				*			*		*
Texas	512-438-3376	512-919-7965	512-438-5141	=00					*			
Utah	801-538-3913	801-538-4100	801-538-4100									*
Vermont	802-241-2142	802-241-2142	802-241-2131	+++								*
Virginia	804-726-7575	804-726-7983	804-726-7581				*					///
Virgin Islands	340-773-5303 340-774-4393	340-774-4393	340-773-5303									
Washington	360-902-7968 360-902-7932	360-902-7932	360-902-7984									*
West Virginia	304-558-5734 304-558-2891	304-558-3431	304-558-1260									*%
Wisconsin	608-261-7660	608-266-1142	608-266-3036				*		*			
Wyoming	307-777-3570	307-777-3570	307-777-3570				*		*			*

* indicates state's practice/law
 **** allows adoption of any individual, regardless of age (American Samoa, CO, RI)
 =00 any adult is permitted to adopt (NC, PA, TX)
 +++ same sex partners are permitted to adopt together
 *** state statutes indicate sexual orientation could be a consideration in adoption, even though law prohibits discrimination of sexual orientation (CT)
 == non-resident may adopt a child with special needs (IN, SC)
 @@ non-resident may adopt through an agency (IL, MS, NM, RI)
 ^^ indicates no restrictions on adopting an adult in this state
 *% according to the state statute, to adopt an adult, one must be a resident of West Virginia
 % adult adoptee must be younger than the adoptive parent (NV)
 000 adult adoption permitted to create inheritance rights only (DE)
 >>> adoption of an adult not permitted as a way to legalize the relationship between same-sex partners (NY)
 vv adoption of an adult restricted to persons permanently and totally disabled or mentally retarded (AL)
 vvv allows only permanently disabled, mentally retarded persons or adults who established relationship with adoptive parent(s) through foster care or step-parent relationship (OH)

--- adopting parent must be in a sustained parental relationship with the adult to be adopted (from 6 months to 2 years) (ID, IL, SD)
/// allows adoption of an adult stepchild, niece, or nephew if adoptee resided in the home for 90 days or longer prior to reaching adulthood, is 15 + years younger than adoptive parent (VI)