

Pros and Cons of Adoption

Before a couple decides to adopt a child, they should first determine whether the adoption is to be done internationally or domestically. It is not possible to determine which form of adoption is better or which is better because each has its own set of advantages and disadvantages. It also depends a lot on what is more suitable for the adoptive families. While some may prefer domestic adoption as it is generally less costly, others may prefer to adopt internationally for other reasons.

It is important to note that domestic adoption is generally more affordable than international adoption because you cut down on travel cost and additional paperwork that need to be prepared. Sometimes, the adoptive parents are also required to 'donate' an additional sum of money to the orphanage where the child is from. As compared to international adoption, it is less time and money spent on the adoption process if it is carried out domestically because it is usually the case studies officers and representatives from the adoption agency who will be carrying them out.

One other advantage of adopting domestically is the higher chance of parents getting a newborn baby or a younger infant. Should the adoption be done internationally, it will usually take quite some time before the infant is united with his or her adopting family due to the paperwork that must be done and by that time, the child will already be a few months old. Some parents prefer to adopt infants, especially very young ones, because it will be easier to bond with the child from young. An exception of a long waiting time would be if the countries are very near to each other. It is possible for parents to adopt newborn babies from a neighbouring country though.