

Millions Wish to Adopt an Infant

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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT

Millions of Americans wish to adopt an infant. But fewer than 20,000 infants are available for adoption each year in the U.S.



LEARN ABOUT ADOPTION AND SHARE YOUR STORIES

Please visit our website to learn more about adoption terminology, processes, options, and other's stories.

If you are a birth family member, an adoptee, or an adoptive family member, please visit our website and share your adoption-related story by clicking on the "Share Your Story".

Assistance in scheduling counseling and home study appointments by licensed practitioners

Distribution of free adoption-related resources and materials

Opportunities to share adoption-related experiences through free speaking engagements

Planning and confidential guidance regarding any aspect of adoption and parenting decisions

Truthful, positive portrayal of adoption as a parenting option via education, media, support networks, and testimonials

We need your help to educate others about adoption.
Please contact us!!!

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ADOPTION IS A

POSITIVE

PARENTING OPTION



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Parenting and Adoption

The decision to parent or make an adoption plan is your decision. There are many resources that can offer you support in your decision-making process.



Make an Informed Decision

- Take parenting classes before your child is born to better understand commitments and responsibilities required to parent a child for a minimum of 18 years.
- Talk to counselors and health care workers; ask as many questions as necessary to get complete and accurate information about parenting and adoption.
- Evaluate the help you will receive with co-parenting, child care, daily living expenses, and all other parenting-related issues before your child is born.
- Estimate costs for prenatal care, delivering a child, and parenting a child into adulthood.



Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Planning are Free Services that Help Birth Parents

- Decide whether to parent or to place their child for adoption
- Access prenatal care
- Find parenting classes to take
- Choose their baby's adoptive family

Birth Parents

- Place their child for adoption because they are not ready to parent, cannot afford to care for their child, or may want their child to have a different life.

- Who make adoption plans usually do not pay any money to do so; this includes costs for hospital bills, counseling, and legal fees.
- During the adoption process, have the right to request an attorney to represent them, and the attorney will be provided at no cost to them.
- Are not financially responsible for their child (no child support, no insurance, etc.), after their parental rights are terminated.
- Who make adoption plans are often able to select adoptive parents for their child and discuss future relationships with them.

Contact After An Adoption Plan is Made

Contact between birth parents and the adoptive family is usually decided by the birth parent(s) and the adoptive parents before the adoption is finalized.

Contact between birth parents and the adoptive family may include visits, phone calls, exchanging pictures, exchanging information between a third party, or no contact at all.



Visit our website for more information about parenting and adoption, or to find an adoption professional in your area.

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