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Creating New Families &New Legacies

Create a New Family Legacy With Us to Celebrate for Years to Come!



National Council for Adoption

"When women face an unplanned pregnancy, they often turn to the internet in search of information that will help determine the next steps to take. Given the broad range of information available on the internet, the *iChooseAdoption* campaign (ichooseadoption.org) will give women reliable, accurate information so that they can understand the options available for them to make a fully informed decision"; According to the National Council for Adoption.

Grief and Loss

One of the paradoxes of adoption is the feelings of grief and loss. "For counselors working with expectant parents considering adoption and birthparents who have made an adoption decision, it is essential to understand grief and loss, what it looks like and what can help", according to Adoption Advocate.

All of our counselors have the necessary skills and tools to work with both families, particularly the birth family. Part of the Loving and Caring curriculum we utilize is to help with the emotions that come with placing their child with an adoptive family and the natural feelings a mother feels when their baby is born.

Types of Adoptions Offered

Open Adoption - An adoption in which ongoing contact and the exchange of identifying information is facilitated with the birth family and adoptive family. The relationship is continued independent of the adoption agency.

Closed Adoption - An adoption in which there is little to no contact between the birth family and adoptive family.

Semi-Open Adoption - An adoption in which there is some contact between the birth family and adoptive family. This type of adoption usually includes sending letters, pictures between the adoptive family and birth family through the agency as the mediator. In some instances there is agreed upon continued visitation with the agency as the facilitator.

Each adoption planned is tailored to the birth parents' needs. Talk with one of our Adoption Specialist to learn more about each of the types of adoption.

FAQ

When can the mother of the baby relinquish her rights? The birth mother may consent no sooner than 48 hours after the child's birth. An alleged father may sign an affidavit disclaiming any interest before the child is born. If a man is married to the mother he is a presumed father and may not consent until 48 hours after the child's birth.

Can the birth mother change her mind before signing the legal consents to the adoption? Yes, the birth mother can change her mind until she signs relinquishments.

For consultation/questions call:





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