

Find Adoptive Parents with a Welcoming Heart

Choosing a family to parent your child is a huge decision. There's so much to consider. In addition to learning about prospective adoptive parents' jobs, hobbies, and lifestyle, we encourage you to pay close attention to their values, relationships, communication style and overall vision for their long-term relationship with you, the birthparents. Digging deeper will provide insights that are invaluable in creating an ongoing relationship. We've discovered that what most birthparents hope to find is adoptive parents with a 'welcoming heart'.

Choosing an Adoptive Family

Here are some important questions to ask yourself as you consider prospective adoptive families:

- What values are most important to you?
- What makes you feel welcome and comfortable in a relationship?
- Think about the relationship you share with a good friend. What qualities make that relationship special and lasting?
- How will you know if an adoptive family has these qualities? How would their actions and lifestyle reflect these qualities?
- What do you hope to tell your child about why you chose this family?

