



PLANNING AN OPEN ADOPTION.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IMPORTANT IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE.

If you're considering adoption for your child through our progressive services at OA&FS, you'll be empowered and supported by our compassionate and knowledgeable counselors. While you plan your adoption, we will continue to explore all of your options to ensure you feel comfortable with your decision.

In our program:

- **You're the most qualified person to choose adoptive parents for your child.** We have a large diverse pool of 65-85 carefully screened families, or you can come to us with an adoptive family you've already chosen.
- **You and the adoptive parents create a legally enforceable agreement for ongoing visits.** The average number of visits is three to four per year, and it often grows from there —much like extended family.
- **OA&FS adoptions are truly open.** Our adoptive parents genuinely want to build a friendship with you. You and the adoptive parents create a natural lifelong relationship that will meet your child's ongoing needs.
- **You'll connect with other birthparents.** Through retreats, workshops and gatherings in our open adoption community.
- **We'll be there for you.** We provide open adoption services to you throughout the life of your adoption — free of charge.



Steps to place your child in adoption.

- 1 Options Counseling
- 2 Review Families
- 3 Introduction Meeting
- 4 Adoption Planning
- 5 Consent
- 6 Entrustment Ceremony



“My oldest daughter was adopted by the greatest couple on earth. I had an amazing experience and felt heard and valued. I never felt like I lost her.”

— OA&FS Birthmother

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN COMPARING SERVICES

“Open Adoption” means different things to different organizations. At OA&FS it means birthparents have a lifelong relationship with their child and the adoptive family. These questions can help you compare services offered by adoption agencies, facilitators, and/or attorneys.

	OA&FS	ATTORNEY	OTHER AGENCY		OA&FS	ATTORNEY	OTHER AGENCY		OA&FS	ATTORNEY	OTHER AGENCY
Am I the deciding voice in all the details of my adoption?	✓			Can I read the adoptive parents' homestudies?	✓			Will visits continue until the child is an adult?	✓		
Do I get free counseling and support for the life of my adoption?	✓			Does your pool include a selection of same sex couples and single parents as well as married couples?	✓			If I've already found an adoptive family, can you work with us?	✓		
Is pregnancy-related financial support available?	✓			Will there be a legally enforceable open adoption agreement that outlines number of ongoing visits?	✓			How many open adoptions with ongoing visits have you completed?	OVER 1,500		
Do the adoptive parents genuinely want a lifelong relationship with me that includes ongoing visits?	✓			What is the average number of visits per year?	3 TO 4			How long have you been providing fully open adoption services?	SINCE 1985		
Will I have a large pool of qualified families to choose from?	YES, 65-85			Will my relationship with the adoptive family feel like extended family?	✓			Do you have materials in Spanish and access to interpreters?	✓		



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