



OPEN ADOPTION & FAMILY SERVICES

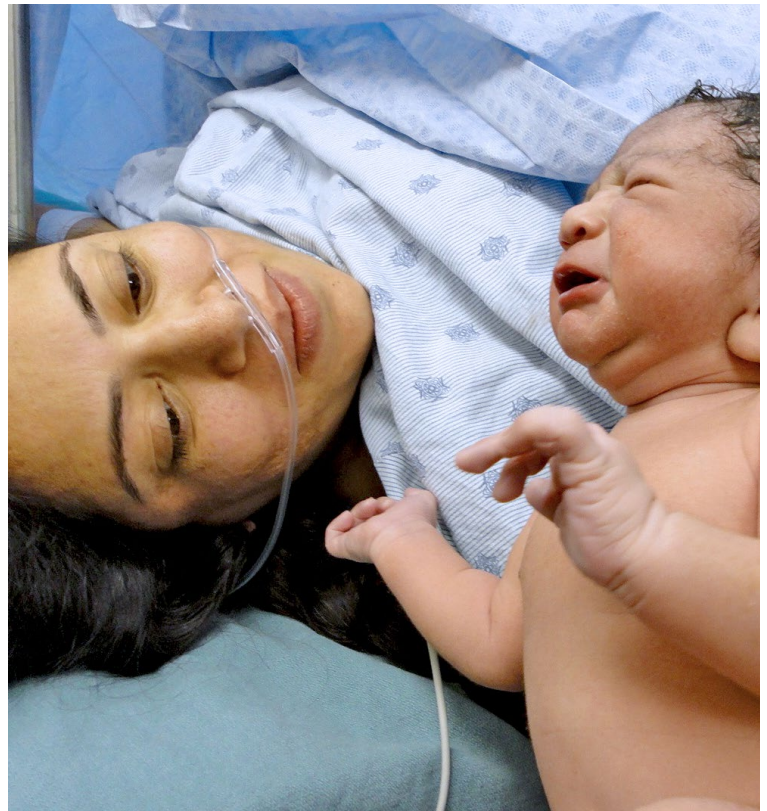
GUIDE FOR OREGON CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our services with such a dedicated group of professionals. We're very excited about working together and hope that this guide will be helpful as you access our services. At Open Adoption and Family Services, we're here to assist and support you. We appreciate the work you do, and are honored to collaborate with Oregon's child welfare staff.

When to access OA&FS services.

OA&FS services can be helpful when:

- Mom wishes to plan an open adoption during her pregnancy.
- Mom delivers baby at hospital and is struggling with addiction, incarceration, substance abuse, domestic violence and/or mental illness. Hospital social worker discusses options with mom. Mom chooses to plan a private adoption with OA&FS.
- Hospital social worker calls CPS. CPS goes to hospital to assess safety concerns. Mom expresses interest in planning a private adoption with OA&FS.
- Mom is struggling to parent a child under the age of 3½ and CPS is notified. Mom expresses an interest in planning a private adoption with OA&FS.
- Mom has an open case with DHS regarding prior children removed and placed in foster care. Mom becomes pregnant. Mom expresses an interest in planning a private adoption during pregnancy or after her child is born.



HOW TO **CONNECT** WITH OA&FS.

Reach out to our counselors to discuss a case, ask process questions or make a referral.

Call 1-800-772-1115. We have Masters-level counselors available to assist you 24/7.

Email us at info@openadopt.org.

To order materials or schedule a training you can also fill out our online form.

Not sure where to begin? Contact OA&FS Executive Director Shari Levine at (503) 226-4870, shari@openadopt.org.



Visit our website's DHS support page to:

- ✓ **Review OA&FS Services and Process.** You'll find information about our open adoption alternative to foster care; open adoption services for expectant parents and our all-options pregnancy counseling.
- ✓ **View Videos.** An at-risk mom plans an open adoption and kids of open adoption speak about their experiences.
- ✓ **Order Free Materials.**
- ✓ **Schedule Trainings and Presentations.**
- ✓ **FAQ.** Get answers to questions frequently asked by child welfare professionals.