

OPEN ADOPTION: AN ALTERNATIVE TO STATE ADOPTION.



Choices for pregnant and parenting moms
at risk of state child welfare involvement.

If you struggle with issues related to:

- Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Addiction
- Domestic Violence
- Incarceration
- Or Other Challenges

➤ You're at risk of child welfare involvement which could include your child being placed in foster care.



It's important
to carefully
consider
your options:

REUNIFICATION

STATE ADOPTION

OA&FS OPEN ADOPTION

At Open Adoption & Family Services (OA&FS):

- You access free services and resources.
- You make an informed choice.
- You are supported no matter what you decide.



Talk to a Counselor 24/7



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& FAMILY SERVICES

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(Text answering available 9 am-5 pm PT M-F.)

REUNIFICATION

➤ A reunification path may include:

- Resource Support Such as Parenting Classes
- Mental Health Assessment and Counseling
- Drug/Alcohol Treatment
- Domestic Violence Intervention

➤ This path to reunification with your child may give you the outcome you hoped for.

But sometimes parents continue to struggle. Your child may go back and forth into foster care, which is difficult for them and you.

➤ A state adoption is the likely next step if:

- This path does not lead to reunification.
- You don't feel like you can complete the reunification requirements.
- You don't feel able to parent at the time.

STATE ADOPTION

➤ If your path doesn't lead to reunification, there are two types of state adoption.

- Voluntary relinquishment. You sign adoption paperwork.
- Involuntary relinquishment. There's a Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) hearing.

➤ With either type ...

- Your child will spend months or years in foster care.
- You won't choose the adoptive family.
- This process doesn't provide lifelong open adoption relationship-building skills or ongoing guidance.
- The adoptive parents will determine how involved you are in your child's life, even if the contact agreement is mediated and called an open adoption.