



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'.



Important questions to ask yourself when choosing an adoptive family.

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?



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In addition to the previous questions, the following 10-point scale will help you identify the areas that are most important to you when choosing a family. Circle the number next to each item to indicate its level of importance. There is also space under each item to specify what is important to you in that area. For example under 'Hobbies and Interests', someone might note "physically active and lots of outdoor activities"

1 = Not Important ... 10 = Extremely Important

Similar Vision for Open Adoption Relationship	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Compatible Personality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cultural Diversity (Race/Ethnicity, Bi-lingual)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Family Lifestyle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hobbies and Interests	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Extended Family Involvement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Religion/Spirituality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Parenting Style	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Environmentally Conscious	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Political Views	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other important qualities you are looking for?										