

Be treated with respect, compassion and acceptance.

Freely explore your options without pressure or judgment.

Access
unbiased
pregnancy
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counseling
from qualified
counselors.

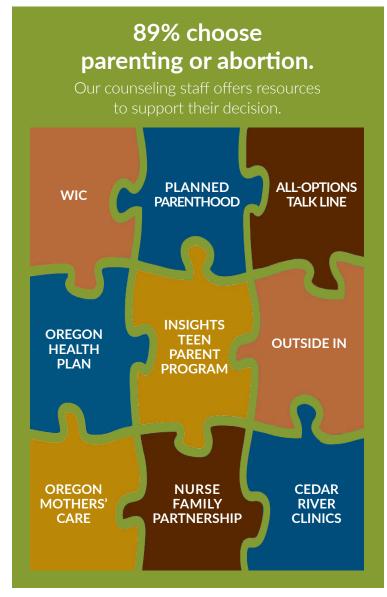


Have access to info about all of your pregnancy options.

Whatever
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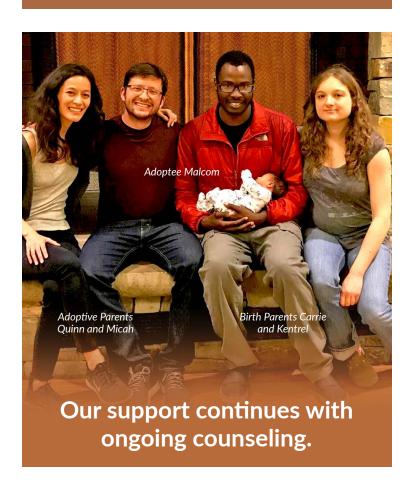




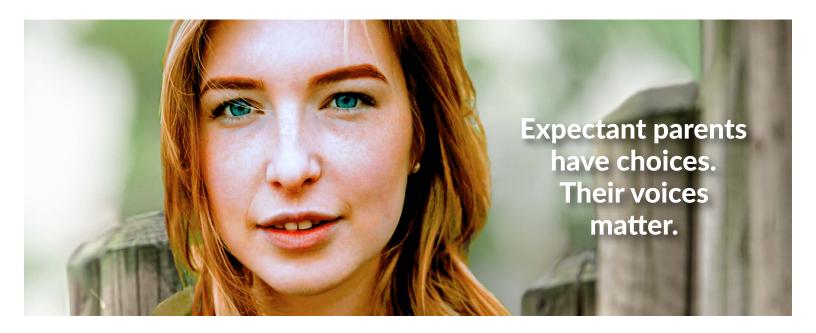


11% choose open adoption.

Expectant parents receive counseling as they create their own open adoption vision.







Not all parents facing state intervention choose to pursue the path of parenting. They have the right to explore all of their options.

- They may not feel ready to parent at this time in their life due to challenges related to mental health, substance use, incarceration, living unhoused, intimate partner violence or other struggles.
- They may already have a child who was removed and adopted through the state and want to create their own open adoption this time.
- They may want to choose a path for their child that avoids foster care and state involvement



At OA&FS, we can help.

- We offer free options counseling and resources.
- They make an informed choice.
- They can explore planning a private open adoption.
- We support them no matter what they decide.



You care deeply about the needs of the people you serve. At Open Adoption & Family Services, we do too.

We recognize the challenges you face daily as you meet the unique and complex needs of your clients.

At Open Adoption & Family Services, our highly trained counselors are prepared to come to the hospital and provide your client with the counseling, choices and support they need to make a plan.

- ✓ **Quick Response.** Counselors are available to promptly respond to your client's needs.
- ✓ All-Options Counseling. The counselor can help the client explore their options, answer legal questions, access resources and support them in whatever decision they ultimately make.
- Choices. We have a large pool of families prepared to adopt that reflect diverse identities, lifestyles and family configurations. Birth parents are empowered with detailed and transparent information about our waiting families profiles for their review.

"I've been impressed with the quality of service OA&FS provides to the birth mothers who deliver here. The adoption counselors are always respectful, well-informed and competent professionals. Their involvement helps us provide quality medical care, while ensuring the ethical issues related to adoption are upheld."

- Lead Social Worker, PeaceHealth SW Washington Medical Center, Vancouver.

- Meeting a Family. The family they choose can meet with them within a few hours. With our relationship guidance, the parties begin building a strong and healthy foundation for their open adoption relationship. Together they create a legally enforceable contract for ongoing visits.
- ✓ **Placement.** In most cases we are able to place the child with the adoptive family before the baby is discharged, if that is what the birth parent(s) wish. The adoption reflects their adoption vision.
- ✓ Follow-up Counseling. We provide ongoing counseling and relationship support. We have a lifetime commitment to our child-centered adoptions.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PEOPLE ENCOUNTERING STATE INVOLVEMENT.



How do you feel about parenting at this time?

What supports do you feel you need to make your vision of parenting a reality?

If the choice to parent doesn't feel right, what do you know about private agency adoption?









The following pages are fliers you can print and offer to your clients.

These fliers provide important information about adoption as clients consider their choices. Additionally, our open adoption brochure is for clients who want to learn more about planning an adoption through OA&FS. You can download or order printed versions of these brochures and other materials from our website.



What is Open Adoption? This brochure outlines our open adoption program. Available in English and Spanish.

Download English Version

Download Spanish Version



"Open adoption" means different things to different organizations.

At OA&FS it means birth parents have a lifelong relationship with their child and the adoptive family. Here are some important questions expectant parents can ask as they 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?	✓			Does your program view open adoption as a lifelong ongoing relationship?	✓		
Do I get free counseling and relationship support for the life of my adoption?	✓			Does your pool of families reflect diverse identities, lifestyles and family configurations?	✓			If I've already found an adoptive family, can you work with us?	✓		
ls pregnancy-related financial support available?	✓			Will there be a legally enforceable open adoption agreement that outlines the number of ongoing visits?	✓			How many open adoptions with ongoing visits have you completed?	OVER 1500		
Do the adoptive parents genuinely want a lifelong relationship with me that includes ongoing visits?	✓			What are the average number of visits per year on contact agreements?	3 TO 4			How long have you been providing fully open adoption services?	SINCE 1985		
Does your organization have a large pool of waiting families to choose from?	YES			Does your program view open adoption as an extended family relationship?	✓			Do you have materials in Spanish and access to interpreters?	✓		

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

If you're considering adoption for your child through 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 pool of waiting families with a diversity of identities and lifestyles or you can come to us with an adoptive family you've already chosen.
- OA&FS adoptions are truly open. Our families genuinely value openness in adoption and maintaining a connection with their child's birth family. You and the adoptive parents create a child-centered relationship and value one another's unique role.
- 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.
- You'll connect with other birth parents. We offer retreats, support groups and gatherings within our open adoption community.
- **We'll be there for you.** We provide ongoing support to you free of charge. We have a lifetime commitment to our child-centered adoptions.



Steps to place your child in adoption.

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



P My relationship with Paul and Tracey is absolutely amazing. It's like having the best friends you could ask for, 🤊



When my girlfriend found out she was pregnant, she had three choices – parenting, abortion or adoption. But I had two choices: to be involved or not be involved. I chose to be involved in Fin's life and it was the best decision I could have made!



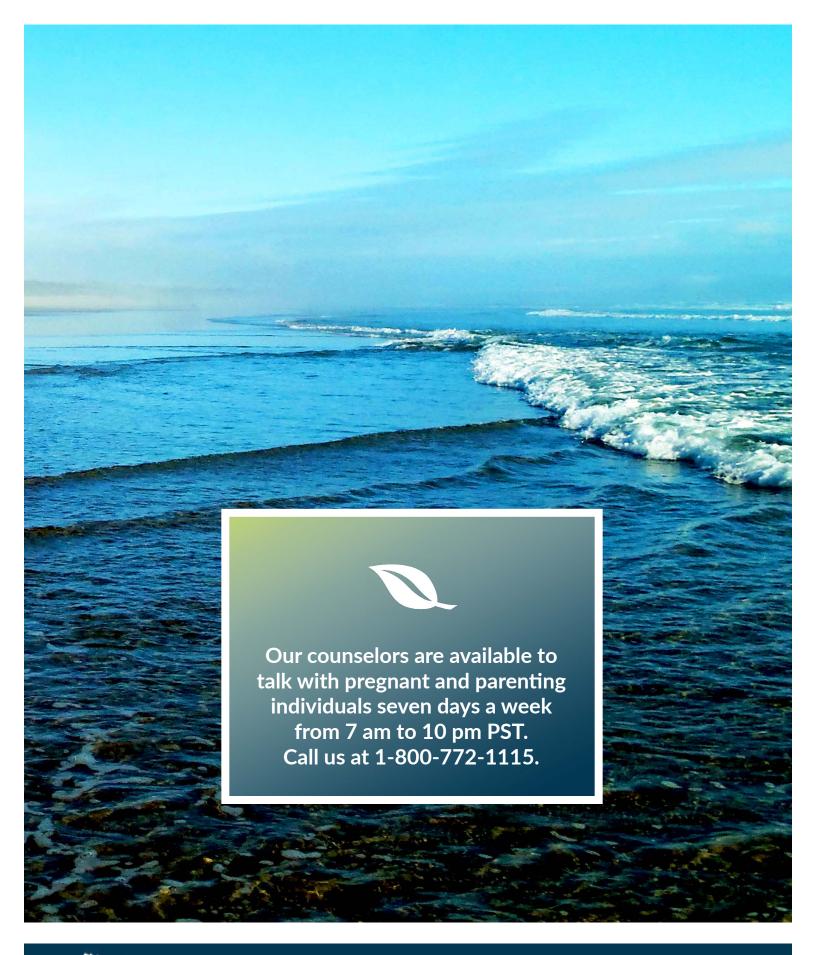
Every year we grow closer as a family, and I am forever indebted to the adoptive parents for the constant love and support they have provided.



Teo deserved to have a chance at a very safe and loving life, and open adoption was absolutely the best choice, especially because we would be able to know each other.



Every time we visit with birth parents Misty and Bryan we see that they care about Preston very much, and light up when they see him. They did this from a place of love themselves, and that makes me feel good that they made the best choice for them.





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