

# YOUR BIRTHPARENT ADOPTION RIGHTS...

- The right to participate in all phases of the adoption planning.
- The right to select the family who will raise your child.
- The right to select parents who have been prescreened and preapproved parents who have already cleared all legal requirements.
- The right to choose from among as many prospective adoptive parents as possible when you select an adoptive family for your baby.
- The right to meet and interview as many prospective adoptive families as you need, in order to make the best decision for you and your baby.
- The right to see the home & environment in which your child will be raised.
- The right to receive on-going counseling and support throughout the adoption process and following the birth of the baby.
- The right to ask questions of the adopting family, and to receive full identifying information before deciding to place your child with them.
- The right to see, hold and spend time with the baby at birth.
- The right to request ongoing information and contact with the adopting family through visits, letters, picture exchanges or phone calls.
- The right to request financial assistance with adoption and pregnancy-related expenses, such as medical care, maternity clothes, living expenses, transportation, and counseling services.
- The right to an open and honest relationship with the adopting family.
- The right to be treated with dignity and respect for your loving decision.



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