

Adoption Myths

Myth: All adoption agencies are the same so it doesn't matter which one you select.

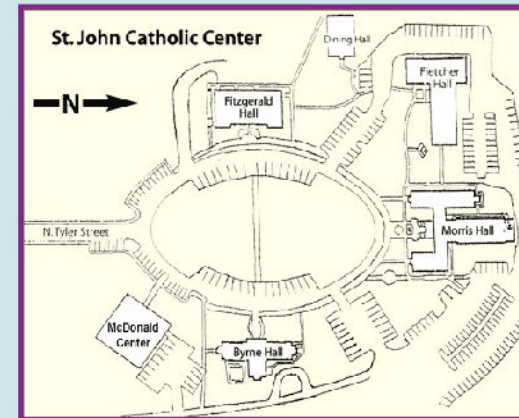
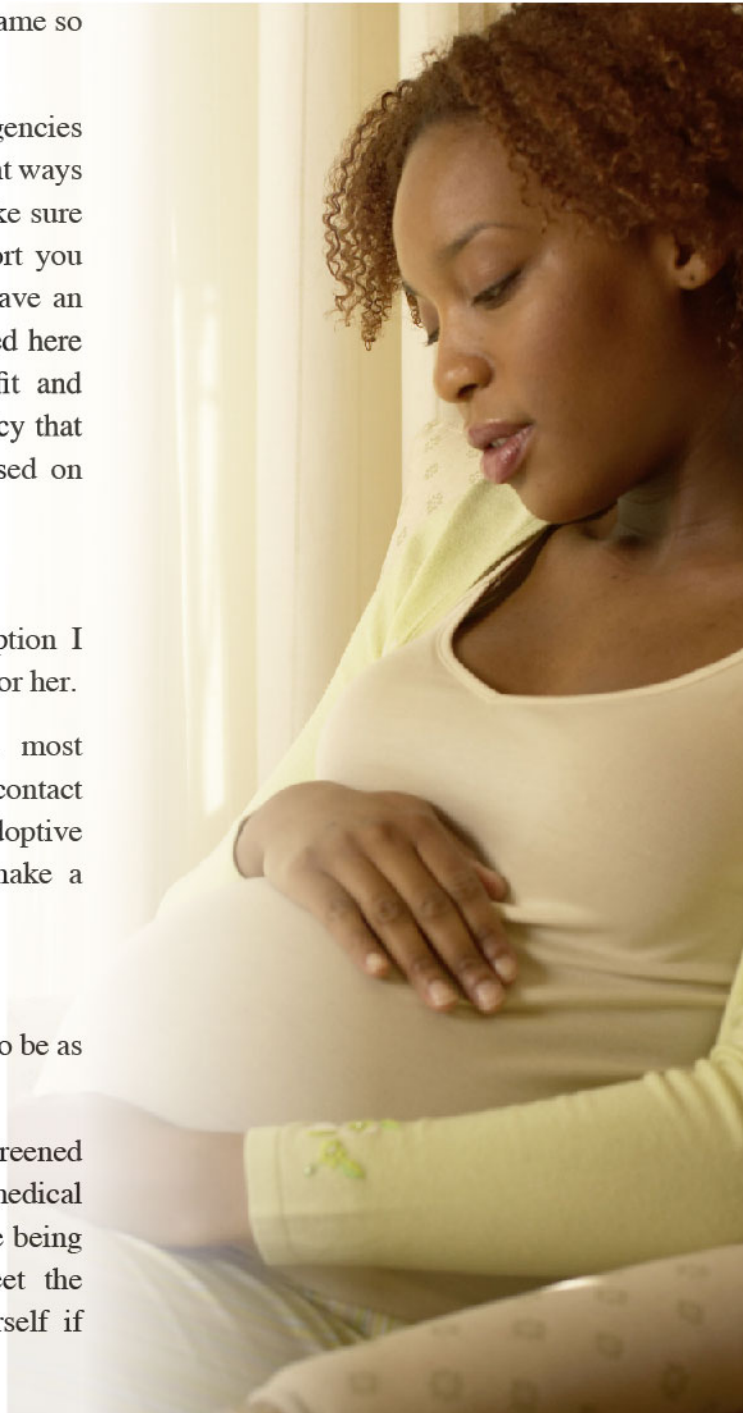
Fact: While state laws govern how agencies operate, each one can have very different ways of providing services. You want to make sure you choose an agency that will support you and your decisions. Verify that they have an in-state office and that they are licensed here in Arkansas. There are also for profit and non-profit agencies. You want an agency that is there to support you and not focused on convincing you to place your child.

Myth: If I place my child for adoption I won't have any more contact with him or her.

Fact: Adoption has changed and most agencies now allow for ongoing contact between the birth family and the adoptive family. Work with your agency to make a plan that is right for you.

Myth: Adoptive parents aren't going to be as good as biological parents to a child.

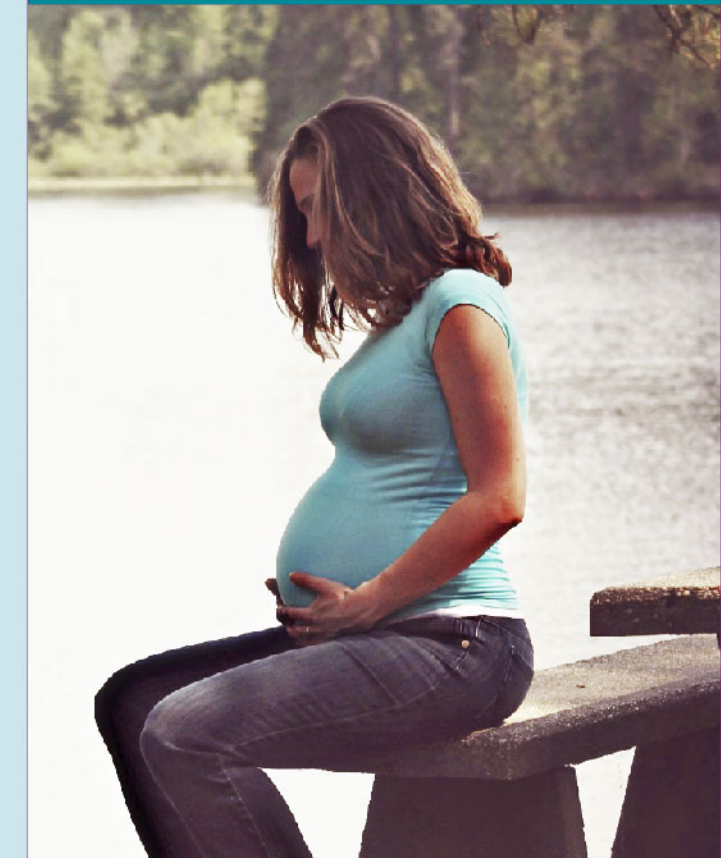
Fact: Adoptive parents are carefully screened and must pass background checks, medical exams, and extensive interviews before being allowed to adopt. You can also meet the potential parents and decide for yourself if they are the right family for your child.



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GUIDE TO ADOPTION FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS



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Choosing Your Adoption Agency

You will want to select an agency that will support you throughout your pregnancy and after you give birth. You also want to have a counselor that you meet with regularly and in person to be sure your needs are a priority in the plan you make.

Be sure to ask if financial support during pregnancy needs to be repaid if you choose to parent your child. You want to pick an agency that won't unfairly encourage you to place for adoption, but will value your choice and offer their help without pressuring you.

You also want an agency that will support you if you decide to raise your child. Be sure to ask if any help is available if you don't choose adoption.

Choosing Your Adoptive Family

You will have the opportunity to tell your adoption counselor what you are looking for in a family. You will then get to see a profile from any family that matches your specifications and the needs of your child. Families are available to meet you once you select their profile. It is your choice if you want to meet them or not.

You want to make certain that the agency you choose works with you on finding the right family.

"I couldn't have found a better family for my child. I love all the pictures. I'm so blessed they share his life with me."

Tanisha

Medical and Financial Aid

Most agencies provide help with some expenses for you and your child. You want to be certain they also help you with referrals for Medicaid and other important assistance programs.

The Baby's Father

All situations are different, but if the father is supportive and wants to be involved in the adoption process we encourage it. Your agency will work with you and their attorney to determine the father's rights in your situation.

"The amount of love and nonjudgement I received exceeded all my expectations. They made the experience so comforting."

Sarah

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- Free counseling & legal services
- Financial & medical assistance
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- Community assistance referrals
- Blessing ceremony with family

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