

THINKING  
ABOUT

# Adoption?

- **Are you pregnant?**
- **Have you just given birth?**
- **Are you already parenting?**  
—and considering your options?

*WE ARE HERE TO HELP EMPOWER YOU AND WILL SUPPORT YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU ULTIMATELY DECIDE.*



## **Our services ARE different.**

- » Freely explore your options in a **safe, confidential, respectful** space **without pressure or judgement.**
- » **Your voice matters!** We will support you and provide resources no matter what you ultimately choose.
- » **Only you can decide** what choice is right for **you.** We pledge to provide you with **unbiased** information regarding **all of your options.** Exploring each option thoroughly will help you gain clarity about what choice **feels best to you.**



## **Friends in Adoption**

Call **1-800-982-3678** for 24/7 immediate help

Text: 518-350-4581 confidential help M-F 8am-4pm EST

[www.friendsinadoption.org/contact](http://www.friendsinadoption.org/contact)

**Friends in Adoption (FIA) is licensed, not-for-profit, pro-choice adoption agency, offering lifelong services to individuals and families throughout the United States.**

If you choose to explore adoption through FIA you can expect:

- **All-options**, pressure-free counseling in a **safe** space in regards to your three legal options: parenting, abortion and adoption.
- Access to **free, independent legal services** and help with medical and living expenses, as the law allows.
- To be treated with **kindness, dignity** and **respect** by FIA's experienced staff as you consider all your options without being pressured.
- Direct on-going support from one of FIA's knowledgeable, caring case managers.
- Your **privacy** and **confidentiality** maintained.
- **Free**, independent, face-to-face **counseling**, near you.
- To learn about the **choices you have** in creating an adoption plan that fits **you** and **your needs**, including how much contact you want, both before and after your child's placement.
- **The option** to choose from our pool of pre-screened, diverse adoptive families.
- **A legally enforceable post-adoption contact agreement (PACA)** outlining the agreed upon levels of contact between you, your child and the adoptive family.
- Have the agency **available** for **continued contact** throughout the years, even if you choose not to have direct contact with the adoptive family.

**Friends in Adoption Values**

- We are committed to **empowering** individuals and families to make **informed decisions**.
- We welcome and celebrate **diversity** and **honor all families and individuals**. We are fully inclusive.
- We provide adoption services that best fit the **unique needs** of the specific individuals involved, including **open adoptions** — if chosen by the biological family.
- We acknowledge that adoption is a lifelong process and believe in **lifelong support** for everyone in the adoption circle.

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*Our caring staff is here to support you 24 hours a day.*



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**Toll Free, Anytime, 24/7**

**Cailyn, age 21:**

“Our case manager introduced us to the option of interim care. We were given the opportunity to place our son in a safe home until we made our final decision.”

**Laurie, age 27 and 2 years out after placing:**

“The strength I have seen in myself because of the adoption and amazing people who are a part of it make me feel like I’m unstoppable.”

**Rose, age 27:**

“At this time I am unable to provide stability, comfort and security for a child.”

**Meg, age 27:**

“My decision to place my child for adoption is to provide my child the kind of life and opportunity that every child deserves. I am unable to provide that and am choosing adoption for the safety and benefit of my child.”

**Andrea, age 17:**

“I am too young and would like my child raised by two parents.”

**Tim, age 25:**

“Right now is just not the right time. I cannot properly raise the child and give the right care.”

**Jess, age 29:**

“I’m homeless and struggle with addiction, but I want to make sure my baby is ok and with a loving family.”

**Susan and Mateo, age 34 and 35:**

“We have decided to keep our baby. We are going to the clinic to speak to my counselor right now and I have a doctor appointment for next week to see what we are in for as far as the methadone goes. If anything changes we will definitely contact you. I thank you for the support.”

**Amy, age 39 and already parenting teenagers:**

“Because we are not a point in our lives to be able to provide what a child deserves. This was a very difficult decision to come to but once I did I felt a sense of peace. In my heart I would love to keep the baby but in my thought process I know that this is the best option. If I can make a dream come true for someone else so that they can realize the true gift of being a parent then I feel really good.”

**Sharene, age 30:**

“Open adoption means that I’m a part of my son’s life. I get see him grow and experience things.”

**Callie, age 26:**

“I never wanted to be a mother.”

**Alesha, age 24:**

“I’ve decided to parent. I’m going to try and make it work. Thank you for your help though, without your support my son and I wouldn’t have the resources we needed.”

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**Individuals  
consider  
their options  
for many  
reasons.**

« **These are  
their voices**



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## Open Adoption as an Alternative to State Adoption *Know your Rights!*

If you are concerned the child welfare system will remove your child, we can offer you an **empowering alternative**. You can pro-actively plan an open adoption with a **legally enforceable post-adoption contact agreement (PACA)** and have an **ongoing relationship** with your child, **if you choose**, and an extended family relationship with the adoptive family. Your child will avoid going in to the foster care system. You're treated with **respect** and **compassion** and receive **lifelong support** from our caring staff.



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### ¿Pensando en la adopción?

¿Está usted: en algún momento de su embarazo, acaba de dar a luz o ya está criando?

Tienes opciones. Estamos aquí para ayudar. Nuestro asesoramiento con todas las opciones lo capacitará y apoyará. Explore libremente todas sus opciones en un espacio seguro, confidencial y afectuoso sin presión ni juicio.

Póngase en contacto con nosotros las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana para recibir asistencia confidencial al: **1-800-982-3678**, o envíenos un mensaje de texto de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. para obtener asistencia confidencial al: 518-350-4581.

*Translation services available for our website, literature, and for contact with our FIA staff, over the phone and in-person.*



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