

Choosing Adoption Means You Have the Right to:

- ♥ Make a well informed decision that is free from pressure or coercion
- ♥ Choose the parents who will adopt your baby
- ♥ Choose the amount of contact with the adoptive family before and after placement
- ♥ See or not see your baby before placement
- ♥ Receive financial help with certain reasonable living expenses, including medical costs, legal fees and counseling support
- ♥ You can change your mind at any time before you make a legal choice

There is a Safe Alternative to Abortion:

- ♥ Adoption is a great way to provide your child with a loving family so he or she can live a happy and healthy life.
- ♥ We can help you through this crisis and find the perfect family for your child based on what is important to you.
- ♥ Best of all, the miracle of adoption is your choice. You have the option to make all the decisions.

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Who We Are

A Chosen Child Adoption Services is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit child placing agency. We are licensed by the state of South Carolina Department of Social Services. The agency's staff helps birth parents with free adoptive services.

A Chosen Child Adoption Services offers personalized services to birth parents and prospective adoptive families. We also work closely with other adoption agencies and attorneys through out the U.S. and in foreign countries.

We believe that adoption is a lifetime commitment to a child. It is extremely important that birth parents and adoptive parents feel comfortable with their placement decisions. We help birth parents explore all of their options so that they are able to make the best choices for themselves as well as their child.



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We Can Help with an Unplanned Pregnancy

Birth Parent Support Services include:

- ♥ Free financial assistance for living expenses, medical expenses, and other adoption support services
- ♥ Confidential counseling and child placement services for birth parents who are considering adoption
- ♥ Choosing an adoptive family for your child

You may be feeling scared and confused right now. We would like to help...

There are so many questions you have and you may not be sure where to turn for the answers. The most helpful thing in a time of crisis is finding informative people, supportive services, then gather as much information as possible about your options.



If adoption is something you are considering at this time, there are many questions you must have. Because there are many misunderstandings about the adoption process, the following may answer some of your BIG questions:

Adoption sounds scary. Isn't it like I don't care about my baby?

This is the biggest concern women and men in your situation have. When in fact making an adoption plan for your baby is the most caring, unselfish thing someone could do when faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

What will my child think of me?

Because adoptive families also have experienced a loss (the loss of conceiving a child), they actually are the most sensitive to the loss of a birth parent. They admire you for your courage in making such a selfless decision and they will share this deep respect with their child.

What is an adoption plan?

Unlike adoptions of the past, birth parents today have many choices in an adoption. You may choose the baby's adoptive family and get to know them prior to the birth. You are able to see the baby as much as you like at the hospital and plan a placement ceremony. If you choose to develop a relationship with the adoptive family, you may continue that relationship after the placement if you'd like. Adoptions today can be as closed or as open as you would like.

Will they make me choose adoption?

Because this is a time filled with so many emotions, it is important for you to explore all of your reasons for considering adoption. A birth parent counselor can help you sort through these emotions and assist you in making the decision that is right for **you and your baby**. Their job is to give you truthful, helpful information, not to make the decision for you.

Does the birth father have rights?

Yes. It is our belief that in order for an adoption plan to be successful, the birth father should be involved in the adoption plan. However, there are certain circumstances in which if he is not supportive of the birth mother or if he is unknown; in these situations, there are other legal means to terminate his rights.

Will I have to pay for anything when making an adoption plan?

South Carolina law allows adoptive parents to be responsible for medical expenses and other reasonable living expenses, including adoption counseling. So there will be no costs to you.

Does my family have to be involved in my adoption plan?

You are our primary concern and if you would like to include your family in your adoption plan and counseling, we are happy to do that. *Right now it is important to surround yourself with people who are informative and supportive.*



If you are feeling pressure from your family to make a decision you are not comfortable with, maybe we can help alleviate some of that pressure. By meeting with family members, we can explain the adoption process and dispel some of the myths that may be clouding their opinions.

What's the next step?

Please call us at [843-851-4004](tel:843-851-4004) or email our birth parent counselor, Heather Bertauski, at heather@accadoptionservices.com.

We can arrange to meet with you at a place and time that is comfortable and convenient for you. We'll go from there, take it one day at a time and start to develop an adoption plan that is right for you and your baby.

""Deciding to make an adoption plan was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life, but Heather at A Chosen Child was there for me every step of the way, helping me to understand what to expect, and being there for me when I just needed someone to talk to. Now, I know I made the very best decision for my baby" Ashley