

Family Adoption Services
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ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

In most cases, the birthparent(s) selects the adoptive family from a non-identifying profile supplied by the agency. This non-identifying profile consists of a short summary of your home study and, in some cases, a "Dear Birthmother" letter written by you following the completion of your home study. The information provided in this form is very important to the agency and the birth parent(s) in selecting the adoptive home. Please review all of the questions in this form before answering, particularly those questions relating to contact with the birth parent(s). The issue of present and continuing contact between the adoptive family and the birth parent(s) can be significant to the birth parent(s); the more restrictive you are regarding contact, the less likely a birth parent will select you as the adoptive family. It is rare for a birth parent not to want some form of contact.

What kind of contact would you be willing to have with the birth parents **before** the adoption?

- None
- Telephone calls; identity kept confidential
- Telephone calls; identity revealed
- Letters exchanged; first names only
- Face to face meeting; identity kept confidential
- Face to face meeting; names disclosed

Following the birth of the child, all contact between the adoptive family and the birth family will occur with the agency acting as intermediary unless otherwise agreed upon by all parties. If requested by the birth family, the agency will provide hospital nursery photos to the birth mother and father. The adoptive family will provide newborn pictures of the baby and the baby's nursery and a progress note for the birth mother at least once during the first month following the birth. Additionally, you will be required to provide pictures of the baby and progress notes to the birth family at 3 months, 6 months, and one year of age. After the child's first birthday, the agency requires you to send pictures of the child to the agency each year at or around the time of the child's birthday.

Your comments about birth parent contact: _____

Would you be willing to receive a letter and gifts (through the agency) to your child from his/her birth parent(s) to save until your child is old enough for those objects to be shared?

Please consider the following choices carefully before answering; please also be as realistic as possible when answering. If you indicate factors/conditions as unacceptable, you will not be considered for any child who has these factors/conditions in his/her background. The less you are willing to accept, the longer your adoption wait

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is likely to be.

Birth Mother:	Acceptable	Possibly	Not Acceptable
Cigarette smoking during pregnancy			
Marijuana smoking during pregnancy			
Mild illicit drug use:			
Before pregnancy			
During pregnancy			
Heavy illicit drug use or addiction:			
Before pregnancy			
During pregnancy			
Mild alcohol use during pregnancy			
Heavy alcohol use or addiction			
Before pregnancy			
During pregnancy			
Mental illness			
Mild mental retardation			
Unknown father			
Father known to birth mother, but refuses to admit paternity or provide information			
Pregnancy result of incestuous relationship			
Pregnancy result of rape			

Which drug usage by the birth mother would concern you most: _____

Birth Father:	Acceptable	Possibly	Not Acceptable
Mild illicit drug use:			
Heavy illicit drug use or addiction:			
Mild alcohol use			
Heavy alcohol use or addiction			
Mental illness			
Mild mental retardation			

Which drug usage by the birth father would concern you most: _____
