

# Angel Adoption inc.



♥ *Choosing Adoption*

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“ We don't sit around as little girls dreaming of the day we will become a birthmother. Typically, a turn of events in our lives leads us down the road to making that decision. ”





# CONSIDERING Adoption *overview*



*Thank you for reaching out to us and requesting our help. Dealing with an unplanned pregnancy is never easy. We respect your courage, and will make every effort to find the right family for your baby. This unselfish decision would be a long-awaited miracle for one of our loving adoptive families.*

Call or text us at 847-850-9612 after you review this packet so we can answer your questions and discuss your specific adoption plan.



**Lesley Newton**  
Birthmother Coordinator



**Samantha Martens**  
Adoption Coordinator

## HERE TO HELP YOU

- Don't get lost in a big agency. We offer you personal support throughout your pregnancy.
- A sweet, caring staff. We are here to talk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- All information is kept completely confidential.
- Adoptive families approved by Angel Adoption must meet certain standards, including:
  - State Licensing
  - Background Checks
  - Adoption guidelines
- You can be sure that the family you choose is ready to provide a safe, loving, and stable environment for your baby.
- We have placed over 1000 babies with loving families.
- We don't believe in coincidences here. We believe that there is a couple praying for a baby that they know they cannot have and a woman who finds herself accidentally pregnant. We are here to help you find each other.

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# a birthmother's CHOICE

*We know that facing this pregnancy is difficult, but you do have options.*

## **Why do women choose adoption?**

Being a mom can be hard work. Babies are a 24/7 job. When you become a mom, you must shift your focus because you must put your baby first. There are many reasons that women choose adoption, such as not feeling ready, being too young, mental illness, a jail sentence, no support from the birthfather, safety and stability, they cannot afford a child, the opportunity for a solid future, and in some cases, rape.

## **Is placing a child for adoption irresponsible?**

You need to plan for your child's future. That is your responsibility. No part of looking into adoption is irresponsible or selfish. Become educated about your options and the consequences of those options. Devise a plan that is in the best interest of your child. Take time — this is not a decision that should be made on impulse. If you are not ready to be a parent or take responsibility for the care and growth of your child, you can still give your child the gift of life by choosing adoption.

## **Are people right when they say this is selfish of me?**

Choosing adoption for your child is the most loving and unselfish decision that you can make. Your child will be able to have the opportunities and experiences that you want for him or her. You are also able to move ahead and accomplish those goals that you may have for yourself and for your family. Due to your situation, it may be difficult for you to raise a child at this point, and adoption is a way to do what is best for your baby. Realizing that there are other families out there who are unable to have

children and will love your child as their own can give you a rewarding feeling. Just knowing that you are doing something for someone else is an amazing act of love. Adoption is your decision. You are the only one who can make that decision. Have pride in knowing it takes a very strong person to recognize that adoption may be the best option for their child.

## **Would a loving and caring person place her child for adoption?**

A mother who unselfishly creates an adoption plan for her child is placing her child's best interests above her own. It is the ultimate sacrifice for a mother to choose life for her child and realize what is best for her child. Adoption is a caring and responsible process that is as natural and loving as parenting. Adoption does not mean you do not love your child with all your heart. In fact, it can often mean that you love your child so much that you will sacrifice your own emotions for the good of the baby.

## **Will the adoptive family be able to love the child as much as I can?**

The adoptive parents are prepared to love their children unconditionally and consistently in a way that puts the needs of the child first. An adoptive family's love for your child is the result of a lot of effort and desire to be a parent. Adoptive parents have a true love and devotion to the child they adopt because they realize what a blessing it is to have a child in their lives. Since adoptive parents make the deliberate choice to parent, they take the responsibility of parenting very seriously.

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“ At a time in my life when I felt scared and alone the women at Angel Adoption were sweet and supportive. I had many questions and they took the time to answer all of them. ”

*Birthmother*





# GENERAL INFORMATION

*We want to help you explore parenting and adoption and let you determine what is right for both you and your child at this time in your life. We understand it is very normal to have doubts and wonder if you are doing the right thing. Everyone has doubts when they make a very important decision. You have to do what is best for you and your baby.*

## **Are there any costs to me?**

No. Adoptive parents will pay all legal fees, medical bills not covered by insurance, and counseling fees. Depending on the state, adoptive parents may also be able to help with financial assistance.

## **Can I receive financial assistance?**

Yes, if you are in need of financial assistance to pay for pregnancy-related expenses. In most cases, this assistance includes help with rent, food, transportation, clothes, and medical and legal costs. Financial assistance is dependent on the state that you live in. We strongly recommend that financial assistance not be the primary reason for placing your child for adoption.

## **What kinds of counseling services are available before and after placement?**

Angel Adoption will provide you with referrals to counselors at any point in the adoption process. The adoptive parents will cover these costs. You can see a counselor whenever you are ready. Your conversations with the independent counselors are confidential. Additionally, we can help connect you with support groups that are in your community or online.

## **What if I go into labor? Can you work with me from the hospital?**

Yes. We often receive phone calls from women in the hospital. We can have a family available for you within hours. The adoptive family will be able to take the baby

home from the hospital, avoiding any need for foster care. We have found that most birthmothers want their baby to start bonding with their adoptive family right away. We are open for emergencies any time, including all weekends, on holidays, and through the night. We have many families that can travel within a few hours nationwide.

## **When are adoptive coordinators available?**

Angel Adoption staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone at (888) 378-1112, or by text at (847) 850-9612.

## **Is this safe and legal?**

Yes. Adoption is safe and legal. The process is simple and confidential. All adoption laws are adhered to allowing you peace of mind that your adoption is safe, legal, and ethical. Angel Adoption has completed more than 1,000 successful adoptions and is a member in good standing with the Better Business Bureau.

## **BIRTHFATHERS & FAMILIIES**

### **What if I do not know who the father of the baby is, or there is more than one possible father?**

You are not alone. Many birthmothers do not know exactly who the father of their baby is or how to locate him, and that is okay. We will explain the process of how an unknown birthfather will be handled in your specified state. The most important thing is for you to be as honest and open about the birthfather(s) as possible so that the adoption is secure and can be completed as planned.

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## Do I have to include the birthfather in the adoption?

The birthfather will be notified of the adoption if you know who he is. If he chooses to ignore the notification or to not be involved in any way, we can still proceed with your adoption plan. If he is supportive and willing to be involved, then we have background information and legal papers for him to sign also. If he is unwilling to sign an adoption plan, unfortunately he has that right, and it will stop an adoption plan from proceeding. An adoption attorney may be able to help you proceed if you do not feel that he is a fit parent. If you decide to parent, the birthfather will have the obligation to pay child support and have the opportunity to share custody of the child.

## Will anyone find out about the adoption?

No! Everything is confidential through Angel Adoption. If you do not want to tell your family or friends about your adoption plan, that is your choice. You may tell whomever you want, or no one at all. We will help you through telling those close to you if you would like.

## Can my parents stop me from choosing adoption for my baby?

Adoption is your choice. This is your baby and you are the only one who can decide if you can raise this baby. Having family support throughout the process can be very helpful, but your parents cannot stop you legally from creating an adoption plan (some exceptions may apply if you are a minor).

## How do I tell my parents I am pregnant and contemplating adoption?

When telling your parents about your pregnancy, it is important to remain mature and avoid arguing. Have the adoption facts and information laid out so that your parents can see that you have thought out your options. Remind them you are trying to do the best thing for the baby. If you were to keep the baby, it could be really difficult on the entire family. Give your parents some time to think and absorb all of the information – remember this is overwhelming for them too. It is very likely that their first reactions will be upset, anger, and shock, but with time they will come to understand that this is something they need to help and support you through.



## My family, friends, and boyfriend always say they will be there to help me out and pay for things after the baby is born. Should I trust them?

You are the only person who can guarantee your child's health and wellbeing. You cannot rely on other family or friends who say they will help you, because they may not always be there when you need help. They are not in your shoes and although they mean well by offering their help, they cannot make the decision for you. Your family cannot guarantee they will be there at all times when you need to run an errand, have to work, want to take a nap, or want to go out with your friends. They also cannot be responsible for paying for everything. Many women who have chosen parenting over adoption due to their family's influence have stated that their family and boyfriend are no longer around and don't help as much as they promised. If you have family support that can help you with parenting, that is wonderful, but you cannot rely on it. You need to come up with a plan to raise your baby as if it will be just you and nobody else.

*"I learned that we as mothers and as women are capable of anything when it is in the best interest of someone we love more than we love ourselves."*

*-Cassie, Birthmother to Kenley Jo*

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# TYPES OF *adoption*

When putting your baby up for adoption, you have options. Those options start with choosing which type of adoption is best for you and your baby.

Angel Adoption supports three different types of adoption: open adoption, semi-open adoption, and closed adoption. Consider all the differences between each type before deciding. We'll ensure the adoptive families you choose from are interested in the same adoption type.

|                                     | Open | Semi-Open | Closed                             |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Choose a family                     | ✓    | ✓         | ✓                                  |
| Get to know the family before birth | ✓    | ♥         | ♥                                  |
| Meet the family                     | ✓    | ♥         | ♥                                  |
| Meet your baby                      | ✓    | ✓         | ✓                                  |
| Yearly visits                       | ✓    | —         | No contact or updates after birth. |
| Phone calls and texts               | ✓    | ✓         |                                    |
| Emails                              | ✓    | ✓         |                                    |
| Pictures                            | ✓    | ✓         |                                    |

✓ Typically included    ♥ If you choose

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