

Services For Birthmothers

Our counselors have years of personal and professional experience offering guidance to individuals and couples experiencing unplanned pregnancy. At Forever Bound, we want you to be comfortable and to make the best decision for you. We're here to help.

- **Counseling and Support**
- **Financial Support**
- **Medical Support**

Answers to your questions:

If I make an appointment will that commit me to an adoption plan?

No, we will answer your questions and discuss your options. We won't move forward with anything until you decide what you want to do and are ready.

Are there any costs to me as a birth mother?

No, there are no costs to you as a birth mother.

Will my baby grow up hating me?

Adopted children grow up knowing they are doubly loved – by their biological and adoptive parents. This love is demonstrated by the sacrifices made by each parent in their lives. Adoptive parents are eager to share with their children your legacy of love, courage, and selflessness in choosing adoption.

Is it really all that helpful to meet with a counselor during my pregnancy?

This is a stressful time for you. If you have decided to go forward with adoption, you are going to have a lot of questions throughout the process, you may also need some emotional support. Your counselor/caseworker can be a great help and resource for you. They will help you through all of the required documents needed to place a child for adoption, and if you need temporary financial assistance, housing or any other need related to your pregnancy, your counselor can help you find resources.

How often will I meet with a counselor, and what can I expect as I meet with a counselor?

How often you meet with a counselor is dependent on you and your needs. Your counselor/caseworker is there for you, to help you with whatever you need. They can be a great resource to you in answering your questions, providing emotional support and helping you through the process.

How long does a birth parent have to change their mind after relinquishing parental rights?



Legally, documents relinquishing your parental rights cannot be signed until 24 hours after the birth of the child, and no documents will be signed until you are ready, but once signed they are irrevocable.

Will I be able to communicate with my adoptive family after placement?

First of all, you can meet with the prospective adoptive family that you have chosen and if you choose to have an open adoption then you will be able to establish with the adoptive couple terms for visiting the child. In many of the open adoptions today, the birth parents become a part of the family, attending special events for the child, sharing pictures, and frequent visits.

Does the birth father need to be involved in the counseling process or the adoption planning?

Birth fathers are not required to be involved, but may be with your permission. He can be as involved in your adoption plan as you want him to be.

When can I choose an adoptive couple?

You can start the selection process at any time. Your counselor/caseworker will show you profiles of couples that are approved and ready to adopt.

How are adoptive couples screened?

The adoptive couples at Forever Bound Adoption are families that we have met with, developed a personal relationship with, and done a thorough home study on, including a home inspection. We require our families to have FBI and child abuse background screenings. We check their medical and financial records. We require our families to take adoption education classes to prepare them to be loving and caring parents, and we require and check personal references to make sure these families are caring and qualified.

What if I already have an adoptive couple? Can they also work with Forever Bound?

If you already have chosen an adoptive couple, Forever Bound would be happy to work with them and make sure they are completely prepared for the adoption. They can contact us and we will review with them to see what is still needed to get them ready for a legal adoption.

Can medical and other bills be covered?

Medical bills will be taken care of, and reasonable living expenses can be paid by the adoptive parents to help you during your pregnancy.

Why should I work with Forever Bound Adoption?

We're committed to working, not only for the benefit of your child and the adoptive parents, but also for you – the loving mother who makes this choice. We want you to have the resources, emotionally and financially, to help you succeed in your life. We want to give you all the preparation you need so you can look back on your adoption choice with gratitude and joy.

How do I know that adoptive parents will take good care of my baby?

You can feel comfortable knowing that Forever Bound Adoption families have been thoroughly screened, examined, and educated about adoption, but more importantly, know that adopted children are loved and treasured. Significant sacrifices are made for them before they're even born. An expectant mother like you carries her baby for nine months and makes the loving, courageous choice of adoption. At the same



time, adoptive parents submit themselves to a rigorous process for the privilege to adopt. These children are deeply loved and joyfully welcomed into their forever homes.

THE ADOPTION PROCESS, 5 STEPS:

1. **Talk With Us.** Give us a call, any time. We are here to answer your questions and to help you look at your options. Gaining understanding and knowledge will often ease your stress and fear.
2. **Meet With a Counselor/Caseworker.** If you decide you would like to choose adoption for your child, we will have you meet with one of our caring and experienced caseworkers who will help you through the entire process.
3. **Select a Family For Your Child.** Your caseworker will show you families that are ready to adopt. These will be families that we have met with, developed a personal relationship with, and done a thorough home study on, including a home inspection. We require our families to have FBI and child abuse background screenings. We check their medical and financial records. We require our families to take adoption education classes and require and check personal references to ensure these families are caring and qualified.
4. **Choose What Level of Openness You Want.** You can choose to have your adoption your way. be open or closed. If you choose to have a confidential closed adoption, we will keep your identity anonymous and only share needed medical information. If you choose a more an open adoption you will be able to visit with several adoptive parents as part of your selection process. You will also be able to visit often with the adoptive parents you choose, and talk about your involvement in the child's life after placement.
5. **Don't Worry.** You don't need to worry about medical care, hospital arrangements, paying medical bills, legal counsel or fees. These will all be taken care of for you. If you need temporary financial assistance, such as rent or gas, that may be arranged also. This is a stressful time for you and you don't need to be worrying about things like that. **Forever Bound Adoption** will always be here to answer your questions and listen to your concerns.

Someone is always here to talk with you

Call us at 801-821-1354