



# Expectant Parents Guide

WHEN

CONSIDERING ADOPTION

**Guide 2: Choosing an Adoptive Family:  
What You Need to Know Understanding Your  
Options and Your Rights**

## CHOOSING AN ADOPTIVE FAMILY

Choosing a family is often the part expectant parents worry the most about. This guide helps you understand what to look for and how the process typically works.



## HOW FAMILIES ARE SCREENED

Before an adoptive family is eligible, they must complete: - A home study by a licensed professional - Background checks - Interviews - Education on adoption.

Every family you review has already met strict standards.





## WHAT YOU CAN CHOOSE

You can decide: - The type of family you want - Their values, lifestyle, or background - Location and community - Whether you want an open adoption.

## QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK FAMILIES

- Why are you choosing adoption?
- What values matter most in your home?
- What does openness mean to you?
- How will you talk to the child about adoption?



# BUILDING A CONNECTION

You can communicate through your agency, meet in person, or interact virtually—only if you want to.



# YOU ARE IN CONTROL

You are in control. The adoptive family should be a choice that brings you comfort, trust, and peace. To learn more about your options, contact Christy Ikeler, at Adoption Choices of Colorado, 720-371-1099 call or text 24/7.

