



Expectant Parents Guide

WHEN

CONSIDERING ADOPTION

**Guide 1: Considering Adoption:
Understanding Your Options and Your Rights**



UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS AND YOUR RIGHTS

If you're pregnant and thinking about adoption, you deserve honest information—not pressure. This guide explains your options, your rights, and how the process works so you can make the decision that feels right for you.

YOUR OPTIONS

You have three primary paths: - Parenting with support - Adoption - Temporary care/DCFS or relative placement.

There is no “one right choice,” just the choice that fits your life and goals.



YOUR RIGHTS

As an expectant parent, you have the right to: - Make decisions without pressure - Receive counseling and support - Choose the adoptive family (if you want to) - Create a hospital and post-birth plan - Have legal representation



WHAT ADOPTION MEANS

Adoption is a permanent legal transfer of parental rights. You can choose the type of adoption—open, semi-open, or closed—and decide what communication you feel comfortable with. An Open Adoption Agreement or PACA is available in Colorado if you wish to have contact with your child. While you would transfer your rights, you would be able to meet the family, have contact and get updates about your child. Call or text us for more information on this topic. (720-371-1099).





GETTING SUPPORT

This decision is deeply personal. Understanding your rights and options empowers you to choose what is best for you and your child. If you would like more counseling, please consider texting us at 720-371-1099 or go to www.adoptionchoices.org. We would love to help answer your questions about this important decision.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

You are entitled to emotional support and pregnancy related resources during your pregnancy. We offer counseling but cannot pressure you to choose adoption. Further, you'll have your own attorney to explain the laws to you before signing a consent.

