



Expectant Parents Guide

WHEN

CONSIDERING ADOPTION

**Guide 5: Open Adoption:
What It Is and What It Can Look Like**



CHOOSING AN OPEN ADOPTION

Open adoption allows ongoing contact between you, the adoptive family, and your child. This guide explains what openness can look like and how families make it work. Christy Ikeler, can explain all your rights to you so you can understand what an Open Adoption agreement would look like in your specific situation. Christy Ikeler, 720-371-1099 (text) or call.

TYPES OF OPENNESS

- **Fully open:** Visits, calls, direct communication
- **Semi-open:** Letters/photos through the agency
- **Closed:** No contact (your choice)



BENEFITS OF OPEN ADOPTION

- Your child grows up with answers, not questions
- You maintain a connection
- Adoptive parents can better support the child
- Reduces the sense of loss for everyone involved



CREATING AN OPEN ADOPTION PLAN

You may choose: - How often you want updates - Whether you want visits - What boundaries feel safe - How communication is handled





EXPECTATIONS AND FLEXIBILITY

Open adoption relationships evolve over time. Respect, communication, and trust are essential.

OPEN ADOPTION HELPS US STAY CONNECTED

Open adoption gives you the ability to stay connected on your terms. You choose the level of openness that feels right. Adoption Choices is here to help you along the way. Call and talk to us about all the options that are right for your unique circumstances. We are here 24/7. Call or text 720-371-1099 (Christy Ikeler).

