



Adoption Center  
for Family Building  
*"Adoptions with Heart"*

Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you for contacting the Adoption Center for Family Building (ACFB). We are a private, non-profit adoption agency licensed in Illinois and Indiana.

Our goal is to simplify the adoption process and make sure that you have a positive experience. All of our services are free and confidential. You may choose the adoptive family yourself, select your medical provider and the hospital where you will deliver.

You'll work with a caring, experienced ACFB counselor. She will be your advocate, informing you of your options, listening to your concerns and supporting your decisions. If adoption is not the right path for you, you'll simply let your counselor know of your decision.

If you're interested in taking the first step in the adoption process, please contact us to schedule an initial meeting. This meeting will be an opportunity for you to learn more about your options and get all your questions answered.

Your counselor will meet with you in a convenient location, so you don't have to worry about coming to our office. The first meeting may even take place in a restaurant in your neighborhood.

Please call 1-800-869-1005 or text me at the number below. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

*Linda Fiore*

*Executive Director*

*(773)919-5702 (Text)*

# Rights of Birth Parents

You have the right to:

1. Be treated with dignity and respect at all times.
2. Make decisions free from coercion or pressure.
3. Work with social service agencies, including those providing public assistance, while you are in the process of deciding whether to place your child for adoption or to parent your child. These agencies may be able to provide you with assistance regardless of your decision.
4. Confidentiality. No one has the right to share your identifying information (unless required otherwise by law or unless directed otherwise by court order) without your permission.
5. Be advised that your and your families' non-identifying social, medical and mental health information will be shared with adopting parents.
6. Request and receive counseling during the pregnancy and after the birth of your child.
7. Ask to be involved in choosing your child's adoptive parents and to meet them prior to placement; or to choose another agency if your request cannot be honored.
8. Ask to participate in an open or closed adoption with the child's adoptive parents, with the understanding that any agreement or promises regarding your ability to have contact with your child or receive information after the finalization of the adoption cannot be enforced under Illinois or Indiana law.
9. Decide on your own hospital plan if you are a birth mother. You may choose to see your child while he or she is in the hospital and exercise your parental rights before signing a final and irrevocable surrender or consent to adoption. Please note: If you are a birth father and are not married to the birth mother, you will generally need the permission and agreement of the birth mother to have access to the baby in the hospital.
10. Receive copies of all documents that you sign and have them provided to you in your preferred language.
11. Work with an adoption agency or attorney of your choice, including the right to change to a different agency or attorney at any time, without consequence, as long as you promptly inform all the parties involved.
12. Include your family and friends in any meetings you have with the agency if you so desire.
13. Receive, upon request, a written list of all promised support, financial or otherwise, from the agency or attorney. The kind of financial support that is possible under the law is support associated with basic activities of daily living and related medical expenses for you and your child.

*It takes love and courage  
to consider adoption.  
By choosing adoption,  
you give your child the  
gift of life, a loving  
family, and wonderful  
opportunities.*



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## What can I expect?

The Adoption Center for Family Building provides comprehensive services and ongoing support to expectant parents.

**Professional counseling** – An experienced adoption counselor will help you plan for your future and that of your baby.

**Personalized adoption plan** – Tell your counselor about your preferences for an adoptive family, such as race, siblings, age, or religion.

**Choice of adoptive parents** – We work with a diverse pool of adoptive parents including married couples, same-sex couples, and single adults; all families have been prescreened and approved to adopt.

**Help with expenses** – In accordance with Illinois and Indiana adoption laws, we will assist you with living expenses (e.g. rent, food, utilities, phone, etc.), before and for a period of time after the placement.

**Open adoption** – You and your child's adoptive parents will determine the amount of openness and level of future contact you wish to maintain. You may stay in touch through letters and pictures, phone calls, social networking, or family visits.



# Why should I work with the Adoption Center for Family Building?



Our adoption counselors are highly skilled, caring professionals dedicated to providing you with the support you need. All services are free, confidential and offered to you at no obligation.

*Our primary focus is to help you make the best plan possible for yourself and your baby.*

You're probably asking yourself a lot of questions about your options. You may be scared or unsure of what to do. We can help you evaluate your options, sort through your feelings, and help you to make an informed decision.

*Your wishes are important to us and are always respected.*

We invite you to tell us about the kind of family you want for your baby. Perhaps you wish your child to be raised in a city or a suburb or a rural setting, or with a family of a particular faith, or with parents who share your interests or background. We will work with you to find the right family and create an adoption plan that meets your needs.

*We are committed to helping you find the right adoptive family for your baby.*

We place babies of many different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Some adoptive families are prepared to adopt babies exposed to drugs or born with certain physical challenges.



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Or Call Us

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8am to 9pm, 7 days/week

Or send our staff a text

Linda: 773-919-5702

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