

What questions should I ask?

If you decide to take the step of talking with an adoption agency, you need to have all of your questions answered before you make a final decision. You have the right to make an informed decision and to feel confident about any decision that you make for yourself and your pregnancy. If an agency is unwilling or unable to answer your questions or you feel that you are being pushed into a decision; then you need to find another agency that will meet your needs. The questions below are an example of the questions that you ask when meeting with an adoption agency.

1. What options will you talk with me about?
2. What services do you provide if I decide to parent my child?
3. What if I decide to place my child for adoption, after I take him/her home?
4. If I start the adoption process, can I change my mind? How much time will I have to change my mind?
5. If I am under the age of 18, will my parents have to be involved if I place my child for adoption?
6. Will the father of the child have to be involved if I place my child for adoption?
7. What will you need to know about me and the child's father and why? What information will be confidential and what will be shared with the child and/or adoptive parents?
8. If my baby has special needs, is adoption still possible?
9. Can I choose the people who will adopt my child?
10. How much information is known about the people who will adopt my child?
11. Can I see my child after he/she is born?
12. Can I have contact with my child after the adoption?
13. What kind of arrangements are possible?
14. Can I be sure that the adoptive parent will let me continue to have contact with my child after they adopt him/her?
15. What do most birth mothers feel after they place their child for adoption? What services will be available to help me after I place my child for adoption?

16. Can I have contact with my child after he/she is an adult?
17. Do you have a support group for birth parents who have placed their child for adoption?
18. Is there someone who has used your services that I can talk with before making a decision?
19. Will I have to pay for services?