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Adoption

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Dealing with an unplanned pregnancy is never easy. We respect your courage, and will make every effort to find the right family for this baby. This unselfish decision would be a long-awaited miracle for one of our loving adoptive families.



Please call me at 1-877-ANGEL-55 after you review this packet so we can answer your questions and discuss your specific adoption plan.

Warmly, Sue Chaffee Personal Adoption Coordinator

Here to Help You

- Don't get lost in a big agency. We offer you personal support throughout your pregnancy.
- A sweet, caring staff. We are here to talk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- All information is kept completely confidential.
- Adoptive families approved by Angel Adoption must meet certain standards, including:
 - State Licensing
 - Background Checks
 - Adoption guidelines

- You can be sure that the family you choose is ready to provide a safe, loving, and stable environment for your baby.
- We have placed over 700 babies with loving families.
- We don't believe in coincidences here.
 We believe that there is a couple praying for a baby that they know they cannot have and a woman who finds herself accidentally pregnant. We are here to help you find each other.

Contact Us Toll-Free, Day or Night: 877-Angel55 (264-3555)





Can I pick the adoptive family? Can I meet them? Can I stay in touch with my child after placement? What if I don't want to?

Angel Adoption will help you create an adoption plan that fits your specific needs. There is no right or wrong way. It's up to you to decide how much contact you want with the adoptive parents and your child before and after birth.

Can my baby go directly to the adoptive parents from the hospital?

Yes, if that's what you and the adoptive parents decide.

Can I receive financial assistance?

Yes, if you are in need of financial assistance to pay for pregnancy-related expenses. In most cases, this includes assistance with rent, food, transportation, clothes, medical and legal costs. However, we strongly recommend that financial assistance not be the primary reason for placing your child up for adoption.

What happens if I change my mind and want to parent my child?

Angel Adoption supports you in choosing what is best for you and your child. Birthmothers have every right to change their mind about adoption and can do so without obligation until they sign a "Final and Irrevocable Surrender for Adoption," sometimes after 72 hours old or more. This is true even when a birth parent has been receiving support from an adoptive family.

What will happen if the child I give birth to is seriously ill or is disabled in any way?

Angel Adoption has never abandoned a child in need. The adoptive family that you have selected may not be able to move forward with an adoption, but Angel Adoption will do everything in its power to help you find another loving, appropriate family for your child.

When are adoption coordinators available?

Angel Adoption staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 877-264-3555.

What kinds of counseling services are available before and after placement?

Angel Adoption will provide you with independent counseling at any point in the adoption process. You can see a counselor when you are ready. These costs will be covered for by the adoptive parents. Your conversations with the independent counselors are confidential.





if you are doing the right thing. Everyone has doubts when they make a very important decision. You have to do what is best for you and your baby.

There are six essential steps to complete your adoption plan:

Step 1: Initial contact

You have already completed this first step by calling us or emailing us for this information.

Step 2: Information Packet

Review the information in this packet. Contact Angel Adoption toll-free 877-264-3555 to get started with your personal adoption plan.

Step 3: Create your Adoption Plan

Select an adoptive family. You can choose from the profiles on angeladoptioninc.com or we can select a family for you. Decide on how much contact you want with the adoptive parents before, during and after birth. This includes phone calls, visits, pictures, letter updates or fully closed. You can also choose to speak with other birthmothers to better understand what to expect, like how to prepare for the hospital experience and know what will happen when you go in to labor and have the baby.

Step 4: Meet with a Local Social Worker or Attorney

We will set this up for you AT NO COST. The meeting is an opportunity for you to let the social worker know of your needs and learn how the process works.

Step 5: Place the Baby with the Adoptive Family

The baby will go directly to the family straight from the hospital without intermediate foster care.

Step 6: After the Adoption

What will you feel after your adoption? Apply for Angel Adoptions' Educational Scholarship if you are interested in furthering your post-option education. Receive pictures and letter updates about your child and decide if you would like the opportunity to reunite with your child when they reach adulthood.



Myth: Adoption is an irresponsible solution to an unplanned pregnancy

Truth: Now that you are pregnant, what is your responsibility? You need to plan for your childs future. Know all your options, and the consequences of each option. Devise a plan that is in the best interest of your child. Take time. Decisions made on impulsive emotion often harm rather than help the situation.

Myth: A loving birthmother would never consider adoption for her baby.

Truth: By giving birth to your baby and sharing his/her life with an adoptive couple, you are demonstrating an act of love to your child.

Myth: Adopted children suffer psychological problems.

Truth: Studies show that many adopted children are better adjusted then are their non-adopted peers. They tend to work through "identity issues" positively, while the average adolescent may rebel. Studies also show that adopted children strongly attach to their adopted parents.

Myth: A birth parent is never able to know her child or the adoptive family. **Truth:** You have many choices regarding your child and the adoptive family.

Myth: A birthmother will suffer from depression after the adoption is complete.

Truth: At first, your feelings about the adoption of your child may be painful. However, grieving is natural and part of the human experience. It is also a good sign of emotional health.

Myth: No one can love a child as much as his/her birthmother can.

Truth: Adoptive parents are prepared to love their children unconditionally and consistently in a way that puts the needs of the child first. Since adoptive parents make the deliberate choice to parent, they are taking their parenting responsibility very seriously.



Adoption vs. doption Abortion



Will having an abortion be less emotional than adoption? Can I move on and not have to think about it?

Over 70 percent of the women who have abortions agree that abortion involves a baby and experience negative feelings about the abortion. (C. Reardon, www.afterabortion.org) One woman describes her feelings after an abortion, saying "I hated myself. I felt abandoned and lost. There was no one's shoulder to cry on and I wanted to cry and I felt guilty about killing something. I couldn't get it out of my head that I had just killed my baby". (Quote from Options Magazine, 2003)

Abortion is the cheapest way for me to take care of my unplanned pregnancy.

Abortion can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000. These costs are not covered by insurance. In some instances, women have complications resulting in medical expenses and time missed from work which can make abortion even more expensive. There are state assistance and community programs available to assist with a small amount of the cost of parenting. A woman who chooses adoption has no expenses and may receive pregnancy-related living expenses to help with these costs.

Abortion is the only option that allows me to go on with my life and live out my dreams.

While abortion may allow a woman to continue with her dreams without delaying her education or personal plans for the future to raise her child, it is not the **only** option. Adoption allows women to continue with school and other dreams as well. A woman who chooses adoption may also go on living her own life knowing she put her child's needs above her own — and that her child is being loved and cared for by a wonderful family.

Adoption

- Your pregnancy ends in a new life
- You can feel good about your choice
- Your baby will enjoy a stable, safe, loving home
- You can bring many people happiness

Abortion

- Your pregnancy ends in death
- You may feel guilt and shame about your chioce
- You will remember taking a life
- You will never get to see your baby





When you consider adoption, it is helpful to reflect on how that decision might impact your life and the lives of those around you. Here is some feedback we have receives from previous birthmothers and adopting families.

The Many Benefits of Adoption

- The chance to move forward and fulfill your lifelong dreams
- The opportunity to provide a secure and loving family for your baby
- Financial assistance during the pregnancy as needed
- Housing assistance
- Counseling and a support network
- The option to select a family for your child
- Peace of mind that your baby will be with a loving family that will provide numerous opportunities for your child's life
- If desired, the freedom to meet the adoptive family
- Provision of all the legal expenses and attorney fees
- The possibility to bring many people happiness





Picking a Family



One of the exciting aspects of the adoption process is that you can handpick the right family for your child. You will need

to think about the kind of parents you would like to raise your child and the type of life you want your child to lead. You can meet the adopting family and spend time with them before the birth of the baby. Many birth parents meet potential adoptive parents for dinner, talk on the phone, email and visit the doctor together. You may also choose not to meet at all.

Here are a few questions to help guide your selection of the ideal family.

- How long has the couple been married?
- Does the couple have children already?
- What kind of life do they lead at this time?
- What are their values and/or spiritual beliefs?
- What are their views on parenting and discipline?
- What are their hobbies?
- Where did they attend school?
- Do both parents work outside the home?
- What experiences would they like to share with the child?





Testimonials



Dear Angel Adoption,

I would like to thank you for everything you have done to help Jason and I in making the decision of putting our unborn baby up for adoption. In a mix of confusion, I came

across Angel Adoption on-line and requested information. Within just a few hours I had gotten an email from Sue. I had actually expected to just hear about how I should choose adoption, and how that was the correct choice. I was almost expecting this to be another agency that catered to the families looking to adopt, but I never felt that way when speaking with Sue. With Sue's help, we were able to meet Jennifer and Eddie for a weekend. We were so comfortable about the process, by how Sue made each of the initial first contacts for us. Because of Angel Adoption, Jason and I were able to make the decision, of having Jennifer and Eddie become a "part of our family" by raising our child. Without Angel, we would not have been able to make this choice and feel so comfortable about it. I hope that any other birthmother's who are having mixed feelings about adoption, would find Angel and just speak to one of you there. I am confident that they will leave feeling at ease. Thank you so much for being an 'earthly angel' to our family. — Rachel and Jason

Dear Angel,

I never imagined that I would be in the situation that I would even have to consider placing my child for adoption. I always thought that stuff happened to other people. I just never thought it would happen to me. Adoption was the last option for me after I found out I was pregnant. However, God had a different plan for both me and my son's life. The support my family showed me allowed me to see that the number one role for a parent is to do what is best for their child. I then realized that I could not give my son everything he deserved in life. I knew that adoption was the only way to give my child one of the most rewarding blessings: a loving family.

I had a wonderful experience with Angel Adoption. The support and love they showed me (and continue to show me) gives me confirmation that I not only did what was best for my son, but I also gave a special couple a wonderful miracle. I believe that without the support of Angel Adoption and my family, I would have made a more selfish decision. Now my son has a great life and is one of the happiest babies. Every time I look at his pictures and see his smiling face I know that he is exactly where he is supposed to be, and I would not trade his happiness for anything in the world. I thank God everyday for allowing me to bring a child into this world, but most important: for blessing my son with his adoptive family. — Kim

Dear Angel Staff,

I cannot begin to thank you for helping me through this very difficult time. When I first called your office I just needed to talk with someone. I never once felt as though I was being judged. You found me the most incredible family. You gave me the support I needed in this time when no one else supported me. You helped me find the family that was meant to raise my daughter. I never believed I could have found such a wonderful loving family to adopt my baby. I now am going back to college and am able to look at my future in a much more positive way. Thanks again for everything you do! — Shanna



A Birthmother's



One Woman's Story

I was a single mother of two and found myself pregnant again. The father wanted nothing to do with the baby. I was 21 years old without a high school degree and knew I was headed down a no-win path. When my youngest daughter was born, my family was against the adoption. For three weeks they were there for me, and then they were gone. My mom was too busy trying to figure out her own life and my dad was never around. I was all alone. I wanted to give my daughters a happy, loving, life, one that I never knew as a child.

I talked with agencies and answered ads in the newspaper and online, but found everyone to be very cold and figured I was just hormonal. I came in contact with Angel Adoption and immediately felt a bond. They were warm, sensitive and easy to talk with, and a real person always answered the phone! I chose a wonderful family. They were more than I could have ever asked for. We have become very close. They were there in the delivery room for the birth of their son. I knew when I saw the love on their faces that this was meant to be. This was an answer to their prayers and God's plan all along. We cried and laughed. It was something I will never forget! I had the chance to hold and feed my baby, which helped give me a special sense of closure.

My son's parents have given him the life he deserved. Thank God I didn't choose abortion! After getting my GED I am now an administrative assistant making more money than I ever thought I would. More importantly, I am in my second semester of college working towards my degree. My daughter's have a room of their own decorated in their favorite theme - Winnie the Pooh.

I didn't give up my son because I don't love him, but because I wanted the best possible life for him, because I DO love him! When I get pictures and letters from the family, I see a very happy little boy! I know I made the right choice for my baby.

— Kelly, Indiana





Thank you for reaching out to us and requesting help!

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24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Meet the staff



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