We Are Here to Help

Call Us Today

Birth Parent Counselors, We

know that making an adoption plan is a lifelong decision. The Adoption Center at Bellefaire JCB has adoption specialists who are licensed therapists, social workers and certified adoption assessors. Your Birth Parent Counselor will take the time to understand your concerns, hear your thoughts, and help you make the right decision.

About Bellefaire JCB. We are among the nation's largest, most experienced child welfare agencies -- helping more than 21,700 youth and their families achieve resiliency, dignity and self-sufficiency each year through our more than 25 programs. Founded in 1868 as an orphanage, Bellefaire JCB has a history in supporting families who are making important decisions for their children. Through this foundation, we are one of the largest, longest-established child placement/adoption agencies with a deep commitment to providing individualized support and counseling to address the needs of birth parents, children, and adoptive families.

Pregnant?

Call us to learn more about how we can help.

216-320-8518 / 800-205-8534

Bellefaire JCB is accredited by The Joint Commission, has Hague Accreditation through the Council on Accreditation, and has commendation from the Ohio Step Up to Quality System. It is licensed by the Ohio Departments of Job and Family Services and Mental Health. It is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and is chartered by the Ohio Department of Education.



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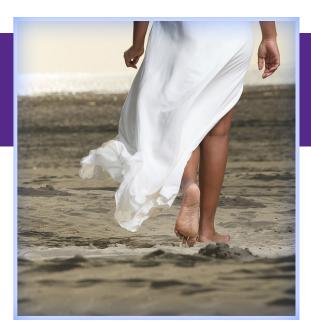
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An Adoption Plan
Choosing the Best
Option for You





Unplanned Pregnancy. You are overwhelmed by conflicting thoughts and confused about what you are experiencing. Choosing the right path is not always an easy decision. You may feel alone.

At Bellefaire JCB, we believe that talking with someone can help you make sense of your feelings and help you move forward with a choice that is best for you. When you call us, you will be teamed with a Birth Parent Counselor who will help you understand the options available to you, offer emotional support, and guide you through whichever path you take.

The Adoption Center at Bellefaire JCB It's Your Decision. We Provide the Support.

Counseling and Support. All services are provided at no charge to you, whether or not you choose adoption. Services include:

- Free face-to-face counseling with a licensed professional
- Connecting you and your family to resources
- Short-term financial assistance program
- Prenatal labor and delivery costs may be paid
- Short-term care for your child while you make your decision

Legal. All legal documents and forms will be reviewed with you before you make your final decision. We encourage you to review them with an attorney. Consultation with an attorney is available at no cost to you.

Choosing An Adoptive Family. We perform a complete home study assessment of the adoptive family. All of the family's medical, social and financial information is thoroughly evaluated. Your level of involvement in selecting a family is up to you -- you may wish to choose the adoptive family, or you may not. It's your decision.

Birth Fathers. We understand that considering an adoption plan may feel overwhelming. Bellefaire JCB staff is committed to providing you with information and support to make an informed decision for you and your child. We will answer your questions with respect and encourage you to become a part of the decision-making process. We provide counseling to birth fathers at no cost.

Choose to Parent? We help you...

- Connect with early childhood resources, referrals for medical assistance, and Healthy Start.
- Link with community resources such as housing, education, and financial assistance.
- Identify parenting supports and resources.

Choose Adoption? We offer you...

- Short-term financial assistance.
- The opportunity to select an adoptive family.
- The ability to review adoptive family profiles.
- The option of meeting the adoptive family.
- The option of maintaining lifelong contacts with the adoptive family and your birth child.
- Ongoing support to cope with the many emotions that you may feel now and in the future.

