Why Women Are Choosing AFTH

Benefits of a local agency and the services we provide to women

> "**A**fter a Google search about adoption, I contacted the first one on the list. I didn't realize they were in California and didn't have someone local to help me. I decided to look for a local adoption agency instead and found Adoptions From The Heart. My social worker met with me in-person and helped me to find prenatal care and a family that I love. My social worker was very supportive and made everything easier." - *Ashley*

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> "**I** work as a nurse on a Mother/Baby Unit in a large hospital in Virginia and it is not uncommon to have patients who are considering adoption. I've noticed a big difference in the level of counseling and support provided to patients using local agencies versus those that are located out of state. Local agencies provide patients with in-person support and more in-depth counseling." - *Deb, Labor & Delivery Nurse*

AFTH Provides

- All services free of charge to expectant parents
- In-person counseling to you regarding your unplanned pregnancy, at a location of your choice
- A social worker with whom you can build a trusting relationship and maintain contact with as often as you wish

AFTH Assists with

- Securing prenatal care and scheduling appointments
- Providing transportation for pregnancy-related appointments
- Obtaining medical assistance, WIC, food stamps, and other benefits
- Identifying your preferences and choosing an adoptive family accordingly

AFTH Coordinates

- Pre-placement meetings between you and the adoptive family
- With the hospital and its staff of your adoption plan, and advocates for your wishes during your hospital stay
- Daily contact with you during your hospital stay
- Visits between you and the adoptive family at the hospital if requested
- Support at court hearings if the court requires your attendance

AFTH Facilitates

- In-person ongoing post-placement counseling and support groups
- The exchange of ongoing correspondence
- Post-placement visits between you and the adoptive family