



Adoptions From The Heart®

Connecticut Birthfather Rights

Connecticut Law States That:

1. You, as the birthfather may sign a Consent Form to terminate your parental rights if you choose to make an adoption plan and place your child for adoption using the services of a Connecticut licensed Child Placing Agency, who will provide you with free and confidential options counseling. "The Consent Form can be signed by you, the birth father, at any time before or *after* the baby is born."
2. Once you give your consent to an adoption, you can change your mind at any time before the date of the Court Hearing. The Court Hearing occurs within 30days (approximately) of signing the Consent. You will receive notice of the date of the court hearing approximately 10 days before the hearing. If you decide to change your mind and parent your baby, you must notify the agency immediately in writing, prior to the date of the court hearing.
3. You may place your baby directly from the hospital through an agency with an adoptive family.

Other Important Information

- You have the right to receive counseling about whether or not to choose adoption for your baby. This counseling must be provided at no cost to you, by a Connecticut licensed child-placing agency.
- Adoptions in Connecticut are legal when done through a licensed child-placing agency.
- You cannot accept money for your child to be placed for adoption.
- Adopting parents can assist you with pregnancy related expenses, including medical care, food, housing and maternity clothing.
- If pregnancy related expenses have been paid on your behalf, this does not mean that you must place your baby for adoption. IF you change your mind about placing your baby for adoption, you do not have to repay them.

In Addition...You have the right:

- To have counseling to help you with your decision.
- To have counseling even after your rights have been terminated
- To select and meet the adoptive family.
- To ask to get letters and pictures of your child after placement.
- To get help from the hospital social worker:
- About your decision
- If someone is bothering or pressuring you
- For a list of adoption agencies and counselors in your area