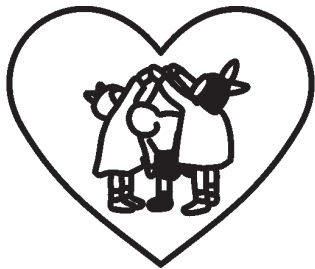


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Counselors are available

24 hours a day



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*Considering
adoption?*



Know Your Rights

If you are thinking
about placing your
child for adoption,
there are some
things you should
know...

You should

Connecticut Adoption Law states that:

1 You, as the birth mother, have the right 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. Should you decide to proceed with making an adoption plan for your baby, you will have to sign a Consent Form to terminate your parental rights. The Consent Form cannot be signed by you until the baby is at least 48 hours old. If the birth father is known, he too will need to sign a Consent, however, he may sign at any time, even before 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 30 days (approximately) of your signing of 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. Foster care is not required.

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 for your baby.
- ♥ To request letters and pictures of your baby after placement, even visits.
- ♥ To get help from the hospital or clinic social worker:
 - About your decision
 - If someone is pressuring you or bothering you
 - For a list of CT licensed child placing agencies in your area.

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.

If you need more information after reading this brochure, ask to speak to a hospital or clinic social worker, or call Adoptions From The Heart