

# Why Expecting Parents Choose AFTH

Benefits of a local agency and the services we provide to expecting parents

After 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

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