

Experience Makes a Difference...

Adoptions From The Heart (AFTH) is an infant and young child placing agency with almost 40 years of experience. Explore the choice of open adoption with AFTH by your side. An experienced counselor will speak with you about your options, confidentially and free of charge without any pressure. We can answer all of your questions and guide you through all your options adoption.

AFTH Founder Maxine Chalker is an adoptee:

“I was adopted at birth through a closed adoption and spent years looking for clues about where I came from. I knew that I wanted to start an agency that did things differently. I wanted pregnant women to have choices. I wanted adopted children to know where they came from. I wanted adoptive parents to be able to answer the questions children have about where they come from. Open adoption helps achieve these goals.”

Why Parents Choose AFTH

- AFTH counselors help you through this difficult time, providing free services no matter what you decide in the end.
- Financial assistance may be available based on circumstance.
- You can review profiles, photos, and videos of prospective adoptive families and can meet the family YOU choose.
- We provide continued support throughout the process, as well as afterward for as long as you wish.
- You can stay in touch with your child through emails, photos, letters, and visits.

*...Experience the
Difference of AFTH!*

Locations

Connecticut

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Delaware

302.658.8883

New Jersey

856.665.5655
732.335.8883

New York

800.355.5500

Virginia

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804.218.2569

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Allentown Area

610.432.2384

Central PA

717.399.7766

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610.642.7200

Pittsburgh Area

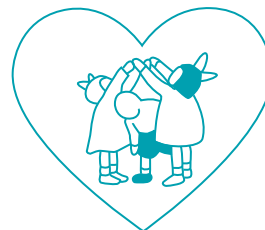
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Adoptions From The Heart®

AFTH is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency
licensed in PA, NJ, DE, VA, CT and NY.



Open Adoption

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You Have Choices

I Don't Know If Adoption Is Definitely What I Want

Whether you are just curious about adoption or are already sure it's the right decision, we are here for you to talk to, for support, and to answer all your questions while you explore all your options.

When Can I Start an Adoption Plan for My Child?

Parents call us at all stages of pregnancy and parenting. You can explore making an adoption plan at any point: during pregnancy, at the hospital or even after you are home with your child.

No matter what your ultimate decision is, we are here for you.

My Baby is 5 Months, is Adoption Still an Option?

Yes, adoption is still an option. We've worked with many people who needed to explore a permanent option like adoption for their young child. There is never any pressure. We can provide you with information about the process and then you decide what you feel is best.

What Is Open Adoption?

Open Adoption is about giving you choices. You can choose the adoptive parents for your child, choose to receive photos and updates, choose to meet the adoptive parents and have visits afterwards. You can also choose not to do any of these things. It is completely up to you.

You may have other questions, and that is ok.

We will be glad to answer them too.

The Process is Tailored to Your Needs

What To Expect

1) Gather Information About Adoption

- Speak with an AFTH pregnancy counselor, ask questions and discuss your options to find out if adoption may be the right choice.

2) Your Counselor Is There For You

- Help obtaining a doctor, medical assistance, housing, transportation to appointments, etc.
- Financial assistance may be available
- Complete paperwork which will help your counselor get to know you better.

3) Select A Family (*if you choose*)

- Review profiles and videos for the type of adoptive parents you would like.
- Get to know the family better by meeting them before your baby is born.

4) At The Hospital

- Discuss plans: time with the baby, adoptive parents' role at the hospital, etc.
- Labor and delivery - your counselor will meet you at the hospital for support.
- Discharge from hospital - baby will be discharged with the family you chose.

5) Legal Process

- Meet with your counselor to fill out the legal paperwork to complete your adoption plan.

6) Ongoing Support

- You can receive photos and letter or email updates and even have visits.
- Adoption is a life-long journey, your adoption counselor is here for you even after placement. Support groups are also available.

“I wasn't ready to be a parent. I needed to finish school and get a job. Everyone was telling me what they thought I should do but I needed to make my own decision...open adoption was the best choice for my daughter.”

— **Karli**

“I couldn't ask for a better agency to help me find my daughter's adoptive parents and place her in the right home. I would recommend them to anyone.”

— **Shawnee**

“Open adoption gave us the chance to see our son grow up and to visit him twice a year”

— **Valerie & Scott**

“I couldn't believe I was pregnant and didn't know who to talk to. I saw a commercial for AFTH and called them. My counselor gave me support and I didn't feel any pressure. She really cared about me!”

— **Christine**



Call Us at 800.355.5500

**Or If You Are Not Yet Ready to Call
Visit www.afth.org to Request More Information.**

