



We believe all children deserve the opportunity to grow up in a loving home. Emphasizing respect, compassion, and dignity, we facilitate the creation of families, guiding everyone in the Adoption Triad as they make a commitment of a lifetime.



What is Open Adoption?

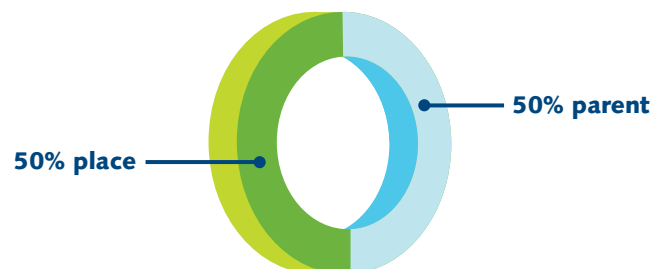
Open adoption is the relationship between birth parents and the adoptive family allowing for a continuous flow of information and contact. Every open adoption is the unique creation of those who are involved in it. Together, the birth parents and the adoptive parents, with courage, compassion and common sense, share as much communication and contact as possible. This lifetime experience advocates trust and honesty between the birth parents, adoptive family and child.

“Building stronger communities one family at a time.”

Why Are We Unique?

There are four distinctive characteristics that make Creative Adoptions unique:

- 1** We advocate open adoption. We respect the spirit of open adoption and those involved in the adoption triad (the birthmother, adoptive family and the baby). Creative Adoptions encourages relationships between the adoptive family and the birthmother based on honor and compassion. Creative Adoptions is unique because we are driven to help the birthmother make the right decision for herself and her baby.
- 2** Our counseling is unique. More than half of our birth parents end up parenting their child. We're committed to helping the birth parents make the best decision for their lives.
- 3** How we handle challenging cases make us unique. Creative Adoptions' staff will complete the adoption regardless of the time required, medical condition or multi-ethnic background. We will not walk away from a child.
- 4** Creative Adoptions has a unique scholarship plan available for birthmothers who place their child through our program, allowing them to develop skills for their future.



- **Approximately 60% of those counseled choose other options, primarily to parent their baby.**
- **About 40% of birth parents decide to place their baby through Creative Adoptions.**

Our agency has over 15 years experience of success. Creative Adoptions opens more than 70 cases each year. We place 25 to 30 children per year in a loving, caring home.

Our staff consists of the executive director, counselors and support staff, all of who have extensive experience and/or have been trained in the field of adoption. Geri Glazer, M.S.W., the director of Creative Adoptions, also provides birth parent counseling. The adoption counselors work with adoptive families in education, counseling, parent groups, home studies, and post-placement. Pregnancy counselors also work closely with the adoptive families involved in their cases. Our support staff keeps us all organized and also serve as the initial contact person.



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- **More than 530 counseling cases opened.**
- **All children were either placed or parented by a birth parent.**
- **More than 360 families with children that may otherwise not have been.**
- **Of the more than 360, about 30 children were placed with special medical needs.**
- **About 80 of those were challenging placements based on race.**
- **We operate a Scholarship program for birthmothers that are committed to continuing their education.**

Advantages of Open Adoption

BIRTH PARENT	ADOP-TIVE	FAMILY CHILD	
●	●		Counseling and Education provide answers and accurate information to make informed decisions.
●	●		Ability to address child's questions with accurate answers.
●			Ability to control the selection of a family.
●			Knowledge of environment in which child will be raised.
●			Assurance they are welcome regardless of circumstance.
●			Dignity in, and control of the process.
	●	●	Knowledge of birth parents' life and background.
	●	●	Knowledge of birth parents' reason for placement.
	●	●	Knowledge of birth family's medical history.
●	●	●	Continuing personal relationship, if desired.
●	●	●	Peace of mind that comes with knowledge.
●	●	●	Crisis assistance if necessary.
●	●	●	Creative Adoptions serves as an ongoing resource available with situational knowledge.