

Frequently Asked Questions for Birth Fathers

1. **My girlfriend/wife is pregnant and considering adoption. What are my options?**

If the birthmother chooses adoption, your choices are:

- a. Support her in her decision and be involved in the adoption process, helping her to make decisions about your unborn child.
- b. Support her in her decision and take a cooperative but not active role. Allow the birthmother to make an adoption plan for her unborn child.
- c. Do not cooperate with her decision to make an adoption plan, and attempt to establish parental rights and parent the child yourself.

If the birthmother chooses to parent the child, you should consult with an attorney about your legal rights and responsibilities.

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- ### 3. **What is my role?** You have the opportunity to provide much needed support to the expectant mother, with whom you have an ongoing connection. Ideally, children should know their birthfathers are people who care about them.
- ### 4. **What will I know about the adoptive family?** If you choose to be involved in the adoptions process, you have the option to be involved in choosing an adoptive family. If you choose to participate in the selection process, an LSC adoption counselor will discuss with you your preferences and desires for the identified family. You will also be given an opportunity to meet with potential adoptive parents if desired. If you choose an open adoption, you have the opportunity to maintain contact with the adoptive family after the adoption is finalized.