

## Frequently Asked Questions for Birth Mothers

1. **Is there someone I can talk to?** Yes! LSC adoptions counselors are caring and knowledgeable people who work with women and men facing choices like yours. We understand what you are going through, and we are here to help you make the best decision for you and your unborn child.
2. **Will you make me choose adoption?** No. LSC adoptions counselors will give you truthful, helpful information on all your pregnancy options so you can make an informed decision. We cannot make the decision for you; only you know what is best for you and your unborn child.
3. **If I choose adoption, will people think I don't love my baby?** Not at all. LSC staff firmly believes anyone making a plan of adoption for their unborn child is courageous and does so with great love. Choosing adoption is a gift you are giving to the child, the opportunity to grow up in a loving and nurturing family that you have chosen for them.
4. **How do I know my unborn child will be well taken care of?** LSC specializes in assessing and preparing each family who comes to us seeking adoption services. Our staff's mission is to ensure that every adoptive family will provide love, financial security, stability, nurturing and understanding.
5. **What is an open adoption?** In an open adoption, the adoptive family and the birth family share information with one another. The type and frequency of contact varies. Depending on the level of openness, the birthparents and adoptive family may meet face to face before the adoption. They may stay in touch for months or years after the child's birth; possibly throughout the child's life.
6. **What is a closed adoption?** In a closed adoption the birth parents choose not to make any contact with the adoptive family. The birthparents may ask the placement agency to select an adoptive family for the unborn child. All health and social information provided to the adoptive family for the benefit of the child is "non-identifying".
7. **What is the best kind of adoption for me?** That is up to you. In order to make an informed decision ask questions, talk to our adoptions counselors and get as many facts about your options. This will allow you to make an informed decision. You can always change your mind about anything as you go along. As a birthmother, you have the opportunity to make many important decisions for yourself and the child when making your adoption plan.
8. **Will my child get to know me?** Again, this is up to you. Any ongoing contact with the child and adoptive family will depend on the level of openness that you choose. If you choose adoption, the LSC staff will assist you in determining what level of openness is best for you.