

How long does the adoption process take?

Timeframes are difficult to predict and can vary widely between families. You can control some parts of the process by turning your paperwork in quickly and being available for appointments, but other parts are out of everyone's hands. We cannot predict how many birth parents will utilize our services, and when your family will be selected. You can generally expect a minimum of six months from the time you start your application until the time you enter the waiting pool. All placements are supervised for a minimum of six months before an adoption can be finalized.

Can we do anything to reduce our waiting time or make a birth parent want to choose us?

Our birth parents select their adoptive families for many reasons. The most important thing is to remain true to yourselves, and the match will come naturally. When it's right, it's right!

How do you decide what adoptive families should be shown to birth parents?

In selecting portfolios to show to a birth parent, we consider both adoptive family and birth parent preferences. Any adoptive families that may result in a match are shown to the birth parents.

What does openness in adoption mean?

Openness means that there is some degree of shared information and a relationship between birth families and adoptive families. It does NOT mean shared custody. Some adoptive parents and birth parents share holidays together, and others choose to exchange photos through CSS. We work with both families to merge expectations and build a relationship based on honesty and trust.

Who benefits from openness in adoption?

Everyone! Birth parents get to see their child grow, and can feel comfortable knowing that their child is loved and well cared for by their adoptive family. Adoptive parents can gather important information from the birth family and contribute to their child's sense of identity. Most importantly, the child grows up with two families full of love and is able to get answers to their questions as they grow older.

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