

Every Child, Every Family,
Every Step of the Way

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER



DOMESTIC INFANT ADOPTION: NETWORKING PROGRAM

DOMESTIC INFANT ADOPTION TODAY CAN BE COMPLEX AND OVERWHELMING
Who can you turn to for guidance and assistance in adopting an infant? How do you choose an organization that's ethical and not just focused on their bottom line? What steps can minimize fall throughs, lost money and heartache?

Our Domestic Team provides caring, professional consultation to help families confidently navigate the process of adopting an infant . We can help you:

- Complete a home study that will meet interstate requirements.
- Identify domestic infant placement resources.
- Learn how to connect with potential birth parents.
- Evaluate potential matches with guidance on risk and red flags.
- Understand why birth parents choose adoption and what factors can cause a change of heart.
- Locate professionals to help you in states where you are matched.
- Be guided and supported throughout your adoption process.

We understand domestic adoption.

As experienced adoption professionals, we have assisted thousands of parents in this journey. Many of our staff are adoptive parents who have personal experience choosing adoption providers, communicating with birth parents, assessing potential matches and managing the ups and downs of adoption.



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The Ethical Principles of Domestic Infant Adoption

We are committed to values that include counseling for the biological parents and practices that protect them from being exploited and protect you from being victimized. Many parents—biological and adoptive—don't always have the information needed to make decisions and may suffer emotional and financial consequences. You may be at one of the most vulnerable times of your life. Like most adopting parents, you may be focused on WHEN you will be able to adopt a baby and you may not always be able to evaluate a potential adoption with a rational eye.

Domestic Infant Networking Program Fees and Services

The Networking Program includes a onetime fee of \$1,000. We will enter a contract that ensures your access to our staff to consult with whenever you need, including nights and weekends. We will provide you with education on how domestic adoption works and what it generally costs. We will help you assess your potential providers and their practices. We will give you our assessment of what they offer you and their fees. We will help you understand what needs to be done in each state where you may get matched. And we can connect you to other adopting parents in our Waiting Parent program where you will be invited to participate in educational and supportive activities.

Ongoing Case Management

If you are advertising on your own, we will case manage wherever you locate a potential birth parent. **Our initial recommendations:**

- CHOOSE** adoption agencies that are licensed and regulated.
- RETAIN** attorneys with adoption and family law expertise.
- BE WARY** of matches suggested before you have a home study.
- BE CAUTIOUS** about fees which 'roll over' to the next match.
- AND** be sure you have your contract reviewed.



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