



# Adoptions Together's Guide to Post Adoption Services

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Adoptions Together fully supports the unique needs of our clients and their desire for open adoptions. We understand that navigating contact with your child's birth family can be filled with both rewards and at other times be challenging. These services are structured to help families build their relationship in a way that is healthy and supportive. If you are interested in pursuing these services, please contact our Post Adoption Support Counselor to fill out our online intake form. Once you have completed the intake form, someone from our team will contact you within two business days.

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## *Meeting Facilitation Services*

This service will provide you and your family with the opportunity to have a trained counselor help facilitate meetings with your child's birth family. We offer meeting facilitation for families who have had contact with their child's birth parent **within the last 3 years**. The following is included in this service:



- One pre-meeting phone consultation.
- Case research to locate birth parents if necessary.
- Three good-attempts to contact birth parent over phone, email, and/or email.
- Coordination of meeting logistics if necessary.
- Facilitation of a meeting with your child's birth parent (price to be determined based on time and location).
- Membership to Child Connect, which is available until the adoptee is 18.

*\$25 Coordination Fee plus fee for facilitation of meeting-billed at \$75/hour during business hours in AT office (off-site visits available for an additional fee), \$125/hour for weekend visits)*

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To Inquire About Services, Contact:  
our post-adoption counselor at  
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## Contact Mediation

This service helps to link adoptees, birth families, and adoptive families together if they have lost contact. The following is included in this service:



- Two phone coaching/consultation sessions.
- Case research prior to contact with birth family.
- Locating the birth parent's most recent contact information by utilizing online investigative services (if necessary).
- Three attempts to contact birth parent over phone, mail, and/or email.
- Guidance around initial communication correspondence between birth parent and adoptive family.
- Membership to Child Connect, which is available until the adoptee is 18.

*Contact Mediation Services begin at \$250. Please contact Colby Wittenberg for more information.*

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## Search and Reunion Services



Search and Reunion services for both open and closed adoptions can be facilitated by Adoptions Together. Through this service, clients can work with a trained counselor to re-connect with their child's birth family. It is essential to Adoptions Together that the relationship between birth and adoptive families is nurtured in a way unique to their needs. Because of these unique needs and the laws surrounding Search and Reunion, the counselor collaborating with you on this case will do a full needs assessment for your family and your child's birth family. This service is geared towards families who do not have direct contact with their child's birth family. The following is included in this service:

- In-person or phone intake meeting with a trained counselor.
- Extensive case research prior to contact with the birth family.

*Search and Reunion Services begin at \$650. Contact Colby Wittenberg for more information.*

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- Phone updates regarding the status of the case.
- Three attempts to contact the birth parent over phone, email, and/or mail.
- Locating the birth parent's most recent contact information by online investigative services if necessary.
- In-person or phone intake meeting facilitated by a counselor with your child's birth parent.
- Mediation of contact between birth and adoptive families (determined by case).
- Guidance around initial communication correspondence between birth parent and adoptive family.
- Facilitation by a counselor of a meeting with adoptive family and birth parent, if appropriate.
- Membership to Child Connect, which is available until the adoptee is 18.

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## *Counseling Services*

The FamilyWorks Together team provides counseling services to families touched by adoption. Families might find it beneficial to engage in counseling with their children throughout the post-adoption process. If you would like to work directly with Family Works Together, please contact the Coordinator at 202-526-4802.



*For more information, visit [www.familyworkstogether.org](http://www.familyworkstogether.org)*

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## *Information Gathering (Specifically, Medical Information)*

If your child's adoption is closed or you have not have any contact with your child's birth parents we can assist you in obtaining pertinent information about your child's medical history.

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