

AFTH Founder and Executive Director Maxine Chalker is an adoptee herself:

"I was adopted at birth through a closed adoption and spent years looking for clues about where I came from. I knew that I wanted to start an agency that did things differently. I wanted pregnant women to have choices. I wanted adopted children to know where they came from. I wanted adoptive parents to be able to answer the questions children have about where they come from. Open adoption helps achieve these goals."

Programs & Services

Open Domestic (USA) Adoption

Open Domestic Adoption allows for a mutually agreed upon exchange of information before, during and after placement. AFTH facilitates the placement of American-born infants of all races through open adoption.

Private Adoption Assistance

AFTH can provide all services (excluding legal) for private adoptions in states where it is allowed. The agency provides counseling and support to both prospective adoptive parents and expecting and birth parents. AFTH is also able to help facilitate adoptions for the situations in which expecting and adoptive parents have found each other independently.

Home Study Services

All adoptions require a home study prepared by a state-licensed agency. AFTH can prepare a report for any domestic adoption placement including adoptions facilitated by other agencies or private attorneys.

Locations

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A Little History

Adoptions From The Heart (AFTH) began as one of the first agencies on the east coast to place infants through open adoption. Maxine Chalker, an adoptee herself, founded AFTH on the belief that open adoption is a healthy and much-needed alternative to traditional closed adoption.

AFTH has grown tremendously over the past 30 years placing over 6,700 children into loving homes. AFTH is licensed in NJ, PA, DE, CT, VA, and NY and able to work with prospective adoptive parents anywhere in the U.S. The agency averages 140 domestic infant placements a year.

Why Choose Adoptions From The Heart

The most important element of finding the right agency is feeling comfortable and supported every step of the way.

- All fees are disclosed and due as services are rendered. There are no hidden costs. Unlike working with a facilitator or attorney, AFTH fees are credited towards the next placement if one is disrupted.

- Ongoing support is offered after placement. AFTH hosts events, education and social opportunities attended by hundreds of families each year.

- AFTH provides services to singles and couples. And is recognized by the Human Rights Campaign as a leader in serving the LGBTQ community.

- AFTH's Expecting and Birth Parent Support Fund and Birth Parent Scholarship Fund provide financial assistance make a lasting impact in the lives of expecting and birth parents who are facing financial setbacks.

- Our experienced social workers received ongoing professional training and provide services in an atmosphere of care and respect.

Adoption Process: What to Expect

- 1) Gather Information About Adoption & Agency
 - Join a webinar, in-person meeting or speak with a social worker on the phone. Discuss any questions or concern.
- 2) Apply to Agency & Meet with Your Social Worker
- 3) Attend Education & Home Study and Profile Courses
 - Classes discuss every aspect of the adoption process, state laws, fears and concerns, parenting styles, open adoption, transracial adoption, creating your profile etc. A homestudy and home visit is completed.
- 4) Enter Profile Book to Be Ready for a Match
 - We encourage families to join in support groups, office events, and utilize access to their social worker to help during the wait.
- 5) Get Matched with Expecting Parents
 - Once matched, your social worker will meet with you to discuss the specifics of the situation and hospital plans. Additionally, if time allows, you will also be able to meet the expecting parents.
- 6) Placement
 - Typically, babies are placed directly from the hospital with families.
- 7) Post-Placement Process and Finalization
 - Have visits with your social worker and prepare for finalization of the adoption. AFTH offers ongoing events for placed families to continue to learn and grow and connect with other families created through adoption.

“Our social workers were compassionate and full of answers when we had tons of questions...the process was seamless and we felt supported every step of the way. I highly recommend AFTH for any couple or individual thinking about adopting.”

— Jason

“One main reason we chose AFTH was because of their services to expecting parents, not only to adoptive parents. We wanted to make sure the men and women considering adoption were cared for no matter what they decided in the end and that ongoing support was available for those who chose adoption.”

— Allison & Thom

“The Social Workers at AFTH are caring, thoughtful and readily available. We had an amazing experience. They matched us with our beautiful son. Thanks for helping to make our family complete!”

— Timothy



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