

Experience Makes a Difference...

Adoptions From The Heart (AFTH) has over 30 years of experience. Explore the choice of open adoption with AFTH by your side. An experienced counselor will speak with you about your options, confidentially and free of charge. We can answer all of your questions and guide you through the adoption process focused on your needs.

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.”

Why Women Choose AFTH

- AFTH counselors help you through this difficult time, providing free services no matter what you decide in the end.
- Financial assistance may be available based on circumstance.
- You can review profiles, photos, and videos of prospective adoptive families and can meet the family YOU choose before your baby is born.
- We provide continued support throughout the process, as well as afterward for as long as you wish.
- You can stay in touch with your child through emails, photos, letters, and possible visits.

*...Experience the
Difference of AFTH!*

Locations

Connecticut

860.657.2626

Delaware

302.658.8883

New Jersey

856.665.5655

732.335.8883

New York

800.355.5500

Virginia

757.361.0008

804.218.2569

Serving all of Pennsylvania:

Allentown Area

610.432.2384

Central PA

717.399.7766

Philadelphia

610.642.7200

Pittsburgh

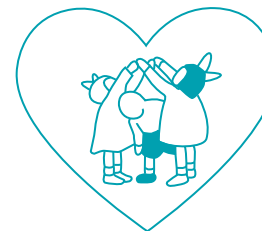
724.853.6533

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800-355-5500

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Adoptions From The Heart®

AFTH is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency
licensed in PA, NJ, DE, VA, CT and NY.



Open Adoption

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You Have Choices

I Don't Know If Adoption Is Definitely What I Want

Whether you are just curious about adoption or are already sure it's the right decision, we are here for you to talk to, for support, and to answer all your questions while you explore all your options.

I Don't Want My Family To Know I'm Pregnant.

Our services are completely confidential and no one has to know. You are not alone. It can be very helpful to have support during this difficult time to have support and we can help you tell your family, if you choose.

No matter what your ultimate decision is, we are here for you.

When Can I Start an Adoption Plan for My Baby?

Women call us at all stages of pregnancy. You can make an adoption plan at any point and even at the hospital once your baby arrives.

What Is Open Adoption?

Open Adoption is about giving you choices. You can choose the adoptive parents for your baby, choose to receive photos and updates, choose to meet the adoptive parents before the baby arrives and even to have visits after the child is born. You can also choose not to do any of these things. It is completely up to you.

**You may have other questions, and that is ok.
We will be glad to answer them too.**

The Process is Tailored to Your Needs

What To Expect

1) Gather Information About Adoption

- Speak with an AFTH pregnancy counselor, ask questions and discuss your options to find out if adoption may be the right choice.

2) Your Counselor Is There For You

- Help obtaining a doctor, medical assistance, housing, transportation to appointments, etc.
- Financial assistance may be available
- Complete paperwork which will help your counselor get to know you better.

3) Select A Family (*if you choose*)

- Review profiles and DVDs for the type of adoptive parents you would like.
- Get to know the family better by meeting them before your baby is born.

4) At The Hospital

- Discuss plans: time with the baby, adoptive parents' role at the hospital, etc.
- Labor and delivery - your counselor will meet you at the hospital for support.
- Discharge from hospital - baby will be discharged with the family you chose.

5) Legal Process

- Meet with your counselor to fill out the legal paperwork to complete your adoption plan.

6) Ongoing Support

- You can receive photos and letter or email updates and even have visits.
- Adoption is a life-long journey, your adoption counselor is here for you even after placement. Support groups are also available.

“I wasn't ready to be a parent. I needed to finish school and get a job. Everyone was telling me what they thought I should do but I needed to make my own decision...open adoption was the best choice for my daughter.”

— *Karli*

“I couldn't ask for a better agency to help me find my daughter's adoptive parents and place her in the right home. I would recommend them to anyone.”

— *Shawnee*

“Open adoption gave us the chance to see our son grow up and to visit him twice a year”

— *Valerie & Scott*

“I couldn't believe I was pregnant and didn't know who to talk to. I saw a commercial for AFTH and called them. My counselor gave me support and I didn't feel any pressure. She really cared about me!”

— *Christine*

Call Us at 800.355.5500

**Or If You Are Not Yet Ready to Call
Visit www.afth.org to Request More Information.**

