



# ADOPTION RESOURCES



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## Getting Started

We strongly encourage all pre-adoptive parents to attend our monthly orientation program, typically on the first Tuesday of the month. This meeting will introduce you to all of our services and we can answer many of the questions you might have about the adoption process and your options. We are also available for individual consultations, free of charge.


We look forward to working with you to grow your family through adoption!

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Adoption Resources offers a variety of programs to assist individuals and couples pursuing adoption. Our comprehensive services provide support and counseling before, during, and after placement. We are a nonprofit agency licensed in Massachusetts to provide domestic adoption services, as well as a wide range of pre- and post-adoption services.

We work with single parents, same sex couples, and heterosexual couples and help families choose the level of openness in their adoptions.

Our professional staff, many of whom have a personal connection to adoption, will answer any questions you might have. Of course, one of the most important questions that many prospective parents have is how long it will take. The time to complete an adoption may vary tremendously. Please feel free to contact us at the time you are ready to start the application process to get the most current information about expected placement times.



At Adoption Resources we strive to provide services that protect the dignity of children, birth parents, and adoptive families.

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## **Domestic Adoption**

Adoption Resources offers a “traditional” newborn domestic adoption program. We network in Massachusetts to provide counseling and placement services to pregnant women and match them with waiting adoptive families.

Families receive a full range of services, including the completion of a home study, educational programs, ongoing support, and post-placement supervision, in addition to all necessary legal procedures to complete an adoption. Our staff provides one-on-one assistance for families completing photo albums and birth parent letters that are used during the matching process.

Local birth parents work with Adoption Resources to select an adoptive family for their child. In addition to reading letters and looking at photo albums, they receive detailed, non-identifying descriptions of the families. In most cases, adoptive parents and birth parents choose to meet each other.

## **Minority and Special Needs Adoption**

Adoption Resources has a strong commitment to finding homes for all children. The Lindelil Fund provides financial assistance if needed for parents interested in adopting children of color or children at risk for special needs.

## **Parent Identified/Designated Adoption**

We encourage prospective adoptive parents to take a proactive approach and consider pursuing more than one route to creating or adding to their families. Through our Parent Identified/Designated Adoption program, we assist families in selecting an out-of-state agency, attorney, or networking service to facilitate locating birth parents with whom you would like to work towards making an adoption plan. In addition to conducting your home study and providing post-placement services, we will help you select resources that are most appropriate for you.

# OFFERS:

## **Pre-Adoption Education**

Adoption Resources offers a support group for waiting parents and workshops focusing on medical issues relating to adoption as well as the birth parent and adoptive parent experience.

## **Ongoing Support for Adoptive Families**

We recognize adoption can be a challenging process, both for the child and the parents, with unique short- and long-term issues.

JF&CS Adoption Resources offers specialized programs, workshops, and counseling that focus on the particular concerns facing these families.

*Adoption Resources has been working with children and families for 150 years!*



Visit [adoptionresources.org](http://adoptionresources.org) for more information.

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