

General Adoption Flow Chart

Adoption Agency Intake



Decision Making Process

- ✓ Receive brochures and booklets
- ✓ Decision making advising regarding adoption or parenting
- ✓ Read and discuss applicable books
- ✓ Sign **Release of Information**
- ✓ Discuss and complete hospital and birth plan
- ✓ Review **Disclosure Statement & State Commissioners Statement**



Complete Social Medical History Form and Contact Agreement Sheet



Request Profiles for Potential Adoptive Families



Face-to-Face Meeting(s) with Potential Adoptive Families



Finalize Possible Cooperative or Contact Agreement



Paperwork Regarding Adoption Process During Hospital Stay*



Signing Adoption Paperwork*

*Adoption laws are state laws so this will vary from state to state, agency to agency, and will also depend on the type of adoption the client is doing.

What is Open Adoption?

Closed (Parties do not know any identifying info) Semi-Open (shared some identifying info) Open (Fully Disclosed)

Closed Adoption: Today, closed adoptions only occur if the birth parent chooses to leave the adoption closed. All adoption agencies and lawyers must have some information about the adoptive family available to the birthparents if they want it. Because of this, some would argue that there is no such thing as closed adoption anymore.

Semi-open Adoption: The parties involved have shared some but not all identifying information (first names only, for example), and therefore, still have a mediator (such as an agency) involved. Today, most birth parents choose some form of semi-open adoption or open adoption.

Open Adoption: This term refers to an adoption that is fully disclosed. In other words, both parties have shared all identifying information such as full names, addresses and telephone numbers. There is no mediator involved for future contacts after the adoption.