

Community Care Services
Adoption Program
Services to Birth Parents

It is the responsibility of Community Care Services' to support the birth parent(s) in making an informed decision and to ensure that this decision is made without pressure placed on the birth parent(s) and with their full consideration of alternative plans. Community Care Services will provide the birth parent(s) with adequate counseling and education to assist them in reaching an informed decision regarding the surrender of their child for adoption. Counseling will be provided to the birth parents by a licensed clinician.

- As a birth parent you have the right not to be coerced by any person into relinquishing a child for adoption.
- Community Care Services has the sole discretion to determine the placement of the child.
- Information is provided to all birth parents about the different types of adoption, e.g identified, open, intercounty, interstate, infant, special needs and regarding the legal results of voluntary surrender or involuntary termination of parental rights;
- As a birth parent you have the right to your own attorney, Community Care Services' attorney does not represent the birth parents.
- Birth parents have the right to designate the religious denomination of their child's adoptive home.