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# THE ADOPTION PROCESS



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## BECOME APPROVED FOR ADOPTION THROUGH THE HOME STUDY PROCESS

- In most states this will involve visits with a social worker and takes 4-12 weeks

## PREPARE PROFILE BOOKLET

- A scrapbook that “paints a picture” of life in your family – used to show to moms considering adoption for their unborn child

## COMMIT TO ADOPTING A SPECIFIC CHILD - MATCHING

- This is the point during the process where you will sign legal documents, pay fees etc.

## RECEIVE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD INTO YOUR HOME

- Whether you are present at the hospital is a decision made by the birth parent(s)

## POST PLACEMENT SUPERVISION, CONTACT AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Your adoption will be supervised for a period of time by your local agency. Any contact between you and the birth parent will be negotiated before you commit to adopt a specific child. Most typically contact after birth involves letter and pictures exchanged through the agency. In 3-12 months you will appear before a judge and (s)he will finalize your adoption.

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# EXPECTATIONS

## STATISTICALLY:

- MGA works with about 500 expectant woman a year. Approximately, 80-90% of these women will decide that adoption is not the best option for them. that is what we want.
- MGA matches about 80 - 100 families a year
- MGA places about 70 -90 babies a year
- Approximately 15-20% of our agency matches will result in a failed adoption or disruption once they are matched with a family. This statistic is actually lower than the national average due to the intense relationship we attempt to build with the women we help



## WAIT TIMES TO ADOPT

6-12 months

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# PLACEMENT FEES

- \$27,000
  - Flat Fee in our regular program
  - Fees do not include
    - Home study, supervision, ICPC, legal cost, birth parent expenses
  - A contract that accurately details fees will be presented at time of commitment to a specific placement



Adopt in Months,  
Not Years!

# FAQ

**What types of adoption does MGA do?**

MGA does semi- open and open adoptions

Open adoption means you maintain contact directly with the birthparent following placement

Semi-open adoption means you get to know the mom before placement but after placement all contact is through the agency

**What happens next if mom decides to parent her child?**

In most cases a family will take some time to grieve and heal and then will “jump back in again”. They will then be presented to and matched with another potential case so that they can realize their dreams of parenthood

**Can the Mom take the baby back?**

In every state, there is a period of time the mom can change her mind after birth. In most states, it is less than 10 days. Contact your agency representative to ask about laws in the state where your potential child will be born. There are also exceptions to these time frames. For instance, if a mom was coerced or blackmailed into signing adoption paperwork, then an adoption could be undone regardless of the revocation period.

**What is a reunion registry?**

Many states now have a state database that allows adoptive parents and birth parents to enter their contact information. This information is then available to the child once he or she reaches the age of 18. The purpose is to allow the child to learn about his roots without the frustration and expense of a long, drawn out search process. It is the adoptive parents and birth parents responsibility to make certain the state registry is current any time they move.

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## Medically Fragile Children

If your child has a disability, he or she may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits

SSI Benefits must be applied for and approved PRIOR to finalization of the adoption

We recommend you consult with an attorney who specializes in SSI benefits

Children with no fees to adopt

# FAQ

Every state maintains a database of children available for adoption through the foster care system that have little to no fees to adopt

What are the average legal fees and living expense fees?

Average legal cost for TPR: \$4,200

Average living expenses \$7,100

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Questions?

Contact your Adoptive Parent Coordinator

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