FAQ About Temporary Care:

Q: What happens at the hospital after my baby is discharged?
A: If you choose to utilize temporary care, a counselor from the agency will be able to discharge your baby from the hospital and place him or her with a temporary care provider. It is your choice if you want to be present for the discharge.

Q: Where would my baby stay?
A: The baby will stay with a temporary care provider in their home.

Q: Can I see my baby while they are in temporary care?
A: Yes, if you would like to see him or her we can bring the baby to you for a visit. We can also send you photos of the child.

Q: What if I decide to parent my child?
A: A counselor will return your child to you within 72 hours if you decide you would like to parent the child.

Q: Is this like DCFS foster care?
A: No, placing your child in temporary care is voluntary and all of our temporary care providers only provide foster care through our agency. They are all volunteers and do not get paid for providing temporary care.

** See article about Becky in the Chicago Tribune from February 2013:
"Temporary foster mom known as “baby whisperer”
http://www.chicagotribune.com/videogallery/74440453/News/Temporary-mother
**WHAT IS TEMPORARY CARE?**

*Temporary care* is a short term service provided by our agency. You can choose to place your child with a licensed, safe, loving family in their home.

Many potential birth parents decide to utilize temporary care after they deliver or if they have been parenting awhile. This allows them time and space to decide if adoption is the right choice.

Babies have always interested me; I've loved being with them for as long as I can remember. (My mom had a photo of me at 5 years old, holding a baby who was half my size; I thought I was his babysitter!) I did baby-sit from the time I was 10 years old until I got married! Then I worked as a teacher in a day care center until my two sons were born. I have done many types of volunteer work with children and infants. Now I volunteer at Evanston Hospital in the maternity unit and in the infant special care unit. In 2002, I began my favorite volunteer job. I received an Illinois foster care license and have cared for 85 babies for ACI/FRC. My husband and I live in a large apartment in a two-flat which we own. I have plenty of clothes, toys and equipment for the babies. I care for them as if they are my own; I consider it a privilege and an honor to do this work. If you want to be in touch with me, your counselor can arrange phone calls and/or visits. She can also check with me if you have questions or wish to have further information about temporary care. I wish you all the best.

Marilyn and Larry have been involved a long time with ACI/FRC in different capacities. They initially started their own adoption process in 1989 and successfully adopted 3 beautiful children. Their children are grown now. Marilyn started working for ACI/FRC as a home study worker in 1996. Larry is a family medical doctor that provides well baby check ups for many of our babies that stay in our temporary care. Marilyn and Larry decided to reopen their license in 2015 to provide temporary care. They feel privileged to be of service to birth parents and adoptive families and their children.

I have been providing temporary care for ACI/FRC since 2000. I am also an adoption counselor providing services to potential birth parents. I started working for ACI/FRC in 1991. I can attest to how important it is for a potential birth parent to have the peace of mind their child is being well cared for while they take time to decide if adoption is the right choice for all. We provide temporary care at no obligation or cost to potential birth parents. It is truly an honor and a joy to take care of these little ones.