



## Top Questions to Ask Adoption Agencies

Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center (ACI) works with expectant parents or those who are already parenting to help them explore the option of adoption. Anyone considering adoption in the state of Illinois can view their rights which are detailed in the Illinois Birth Parents' Rights and Responsibilities which is included in this packet.

**1. What kind of counseling support is available before and after placing a child for adoption?**

You will be matched with your own adoption counselor who will help you throughout the adoption process. Your counselor is committed to making sure you get the support you need and that you understand all your rights and options. Our support continues to be available after someone places a child for adoption.

**2. When are adoption counselors available?**

ACI adoption counselors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at **1-800-552-1066** or **adoptioncenterofillinois.org**

**3. How does someone know if adoption is right for them and their child?**

No one can tell you whether adoption is right for you. This is a question each person must decide for themselves. We think that understanding adoption and how it works helps people to make well informed decisions.

**4. What will happen if the child has a disability or complex needs?**

We take pride in never having turned away a child in need. We will stand by you and work with you to find a loving family that would be able to meet your child's needs.

**5. Can I choose and meet with the adoptive family for my child?**

Yes, you can choose and meet with your child's prospective adoptive family. At ACI you get to design your own adoption plan. Some potential birth parents decide not to choose or meet. We are here to help you decide what you think is best for you and your child.

**6. Can my baby go directly to the adoptive parents from the hospital?**

Yes, if that is what you and the adoptive parents decide.

**7. How is communication between me and the adoptive family determined after I place my child for adoption?**

While Illinois has no laws regarding adoption post communication, one of the things your adoption counselor will do is work with you to create a post-adoption communication plan. We will make sure that all post-adoption understandings reached between birth parents and adoptive parents are put in writing and understood by all parties.

**8. What happens if I change my mind and decide to parent my child?**

ACI will support you in choosing what you think is best for you and your child. Expectant parents have every right to change their mind about adoption and can do so at any time before they sign **Final and Irrevocable Surrenders for Adoption.**

**9. Are you a not-for-profit, licensed child welfare agency?**

Yes, Adoption Center of Illinois is a branch of Family Resource Center which is a not-for-profit, Illinois licensed child welfare agency. A copy of Family Resource Center’s license is included in this packet. While we do not make a profit from placing children for adoption, we do receive fees for our services from adoptive families and donations from people who support our work.

State of Illinois  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Type of Facility: CHILD WELFARE AGENCY, PRINT DATE: 12-29-2017, NO. 123797-12

LICENSE ISSUED TO  
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER  
5828 N CLARK ST  
CHICAGO IL 60660-3202

Effective Dates: 02-24-2018 - 02-24-2022, Capacity: 000, Supervising Child Welfare Agency: 000

Area Used for Children: , Ages of Children Served: , Mailing Address for this facility is:

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER  
5828 N CLARK ST  
CHICAGO IL 60660-3202

Acting Director: *Brendy West*

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