

Adoption Information Services, Inc. NEWSLETTER

Yes! You Can Adopt
Usually in 3-12 Months

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AIS is proud to have helped place more than 2,000 newborns with loving parents.



U.S. Adoption Without Fear

The fear of birthparents changing their minds is forcing some toward international adoption. The fact is that 98% of U.S. adoptions are permanent and are never even threatened. The stories that have reached the press, approximately one per year, were filled with problems from the beginning. They usually were not finalized adoptions and the adoptive parents typically knew within two weeks of receiving the child that there were issues that might result in a challenge. They chose to take the risk anyway, and things didn't work out.

At AIS, we believe in advising **our clients** so they can rest assured that they can **totally embrace their child because they have a safe and secure adoption.**

You can definitely benefit from receiving professional advice throughout your adoption process—this is one of the main advantages in being an AIS client.

Mars & Venus in the Adoption Process

Mars and Venus respond differently to the emotional effects of the adoption process. Venus (women) tend to isolate themselves from family, friends and society because they feel people “just don't understand.” As they do this, they become more dependent on their spouses, “Mars,” to meet all of their emotional and intercommunication needs. In their private thoughts about infertility and adoption, women expect their spouses to understand and feel the same they feel, but often it seems that they are on opposing teams.

“I just don't know if I can go through this adoption alone... Nobody knows what I'm going through. No one understands how it feels to be infertile or what the adoption process is like- not my mother-in-law, my friends, not even my husband.”



“...all the advice we get from strangers – they act as if we must be doing something wrong... They tell us, “Just relax, take a vacation... It must be great to be childless. You can do whatever you want. What a life!”

Men tend to look for logical answers while women feel things from the heart. Men tend to be less inclined to share their innermost fears, while women spill their emotions for anyone to hear. Oftentimes it just seems as though no one has ever been through the process but you. Family members and friends try to be compassionate, but their lack of experience with your situation leaves you feeling alone and isolated.

Understanding these basic differences can enable us to better support each other through this process and many other aspects of married life.

Tips

To help eliminate feelings of isolation:

- Meet with other men or women who are going through the adoption process.
- Call our office for a list of counselors you can talk to about your feelings.
- Read up on how others have faced the adoption process.

Profile of the Typical Birthmother

Our statistics show that teenagers may have the highest pregnancy rate, but many choose to abort or to parent the baby. Teenagers sometimes seriously consider adoption, however, most are not mature enough to go through with the entire plan. Many can deny their feelings during pregnancy, but can easily have a change-of-heart when the child is born.

Most birthparents who have placed their children with our clients have been between 19 and 30 years old. Most of them are on their own and single parents to one or more children. They know the realities of parenting and are more likely to go through with an adoption plan.

For more information, visit our website at www.adoptioninfosvcs.com.

Request our educational DVD. A recording of one of our many seminars, it's a packed with valuable information on the entire adoption process. It's free of charge, so get one for your friends, family, minister—anyone who might be interested in learning more about the adoption process



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