

How would a family be chosen for my baby?

We want to know your wishes about the kind of home you would like for your baby. We want you to be comfortable with the person/family that is selected.

Your worker will give you some information about the family but usually not names and addresses.

We respect both your privacy and need for confidentiality and that of the adoptive family.

Some birth parents are expressing an interest in open adoption. This is something you could discuss with your social worker. We are beginning to look at options in this area.

Will I know when my baby's adoption has been completed?

You can ask your social worker to tell you when the adoption has been completed. The worker will let you know how your baby settled into the new home. Your worker is also available to help you deal with your feelings.

Who do I contact for more information?

There are five offices across Prince Edward Island. You can call the one closest to you for more information.

The phone numbers are:

O'Leary	(902) 859-8831
Summerside	(902) 888-8100
Charlottetown	(902) 368-5330
Montague	(902) 838-0703
Souris	(902) 687-7063

If you prefer, ask your doctor, public health nurse or guidance counsellor to make an appointment for you.



Adoption Services
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Are you
thinking of
ADOPTION
for
Your Child?



Family and
Human Services

How can family and Human Services HELP?

You have discovered you are pregnant and your mind is full of questions. You may feel alone.

How do I tell my friends, family? What will I do? Is adoption something I want to consider?

It is important to talk to someone as soon as possible to help you in preparing and planning for your baby and yourself, whether you decide to parent your child or plan adoption.

We have professional staff who can help you look at your choices and the steps involved.

If I choose adoption while I'm pregnant, can I change my mind after the baby is born?

YES, you can and some people do change their mind. Such an important decision should not be made in a hurry or under pressure.

Who are the adoptive parents?

Family and Human Services have many adoptive parents wanting to adopt infants.

These adoptive parents are unable or unlikely to give birth to a child themselves.

The adoptive parents live on Prince Edward Island and come from a variety of economic and social backgrounds.

Adoptive parents are chosen very carefully. Most wait five or more years before receiving a child.

They participate in a number of interviews to determine their suitability as adoptive parents.

As well, our adoptive parents attend group sessions to learn about adoption. They learn how to tell a child about being adopted in a positive and understanding way.

Why do some birth parents choose adoption?

Here are some of the reasons that birth parents have given us:

- I would like my baby to have a stable home and more opportunities than I can provide at this time in my life.
- I want my baby to be raised by a two-parent family.
- I want to offer the gift of parenting to a person/family who can't have children.

Will I be allowed to see my baby before the adoption?

The choice is up to YOU. Many professionals feel that it is better to see your baby. If you don't, you may always wonder what the baby looked like or if the baby was healthy.