

## Domestic & Special Needs Adoption

If you are facing an unexpected pregnancy or have recently given birth, you have support in making the best plan for you.

**We are here to help! All services are free.**



## Speak To A Counselor **TODAY!**

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**If You Have Questions About Adoption, WE HAVE ANSWERS!**



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## Why Consider Adoption?

This is a very personal choice and there are many reasons people have made an adoption plan for their child. Many say it's because they aren't ready or able to fully parent a child at this time, but want to choose a loving family and stay connected to their child. Others say they cannot provide the special care their child will need and want to find a family who can. Others choose to make a private open adoption plan instead of getting involved with the public child welfare system.

## How Can Spence-Chapin Help Me?

Spence-Chapin is a non-profit organization with more than 100 years of experience. Our Social Workers will answer all of your questions and advocate for you. They will respect your wishes and never pressure you to make a decision. Spence-Chapin will advise you of all your legal rights as a birth parent and provide a free attorney at your request. We can also provide assistance for pregnancy related expenses and connect you to resources like prenatal care and health insurance. All our birth parent services are provided to anyone who needs them (including if your child has special needs).

## What Is Open Adoption?

Open adoption is having ongoing communication and contact between the adoptive family and the birth family. You can decide what this looks like – it may include visits, letters, emails, photos, and phone calls.



## What are the Benefits of Open Adoption?

Birth parents who have chosen open adoption say that knowing that their child is growing up in a happy, loving family is what gives them peace of mind. In addition, they want their child to know them and understand their birth story.

## Who are the Adoptive Families?

Spence-Chapin has all types of waiting families! They vary in age, background, family structure, religion, etc. They all are eager to adopt and provide a loving family to a child. You will be able to meet and connect with the people you select. Adoptive parents registered with Spence-Chapin have been screened by our social workers and prepared for open adoption. You can also browse through profiles on our website:

[www.spence-chapin.org/waiting-families](http://www.spence-chapin.org/waiting-families)

## What If I Want To Keep My Decision Confidential?

Spence-Chapin will respect your right to confidentiality in making this decision.

## Know Your Rights

If you are considering placing your baby in an adoptive home, you are entitled to certain rights, some of which are guaranteed to you by law. If your rights are not granted by the adoption resource with whom you are working, or if you have any questions or concerns, please see your hospital social worker or call Spence-Chapin, 1-800-321-5683, for advice on how to receive these rights.