



Understanding Infant Adoption 7

Florida Adoption Guide for Healthcare Providers & Staff

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Disclaimer: This resource guide is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. It is not a substitute for consultation with hospital legal counsel or a licensed adoption attorney. Adoption laws and procedures vary by jurisdiction and are subject to change. Healthcare providers and staff are strongly encouraged to seek professional legal guidance to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Introduction to Adoption

What is Adoption?

Adoption is a legal process in which biological parents (also referred to herein as “placing parents” or “birth parents”) relinquish their parental rights to their child, allowing the child to be placed in the care of adoptive parents. However, adoption is more than just a legal agreement; it is a life-altering experience that reflects a commitment to a child's love, care, and well-being.

Healthcare providers should have a basic understanding of the three main types of adoption to offer informed support for their patients:

- **Private Adoption:** This is a direct arrangement between birth parents and adoptive parents, often through a licensed adoption agency or attorney. In a private adoption, the birth parents have voluntarily relinquished their parental rights to the child, and the child is placed directly into the legal and physical custody of the adoptive parents. Most private adoptions are “open adoptions,” meaning there will be ongoing contact between the birth parents and adoptive parents. Private adoption is the most common type of adoption that healthcare providers encounter when working in mother-baby and neonatal units.
- **Adoption from Foster Care:** This occurs when a child in state foster care is legally available for adoption after a court has terminated the parental rights of the birth parents. Foster care adoptions often involve older children. Every state has laws and regulations governing foster care and adoption, which are

managed by the state's public child welfare agency. If the child is placed for adoption in another state, compliance with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) is required.

- **Intercountry Adoption:** The process by which a child born in one country is adopted by a family in another country. The State Department serves as the oversight authority for intercountry adoption in the United States.

For expectant mothers, the adoption journey is filled with complex emotions and culminates in a life-changing decision. The private adoption process allows mothers to create an adoption plan at any point during their pregnancy or after giving birth. In this journey, healthcare providers play a crucial role, providing neutral care and support, facilitating fully informed decision-making, and making ethical referrals to adoption providers. Your role in this process is integral in ensuring the well-being of all patients considering this option.

Important Terminology

The biological parent signs adoption consent or relinquishment, authorizing the court to terminate her parental rights:

- Before adoption consents are signed, refer to the biological parent as an **“expectant parent”** or **“parent.”**
- A parent making an adoption plan for their child is called a **“placing parent.”**
- After adoption consents are signed, refer to the biological parent as a **“birth parent.”**

Support for Patients Considering Adoption

Expectant parents should have access to a variety of support resources from the moment they begin considering adoption through the completion of the process and beyond. Below is a summary of some of the available services and providers that patients can access to find appropriate support.

Pregnancy Options Counseling

Many non-profit organizations in Florida offer pregnancy options counseling for expectant mothers. The purpose of this counseling is to help women consider their available options during pregnancy. It is important to note that not all pregnancy centers provide the same services. For instance, some pregnancy resource centers do not offer information or referrals for abortion. However, most centers typically provide services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternity clothes, parenting assistance, resource referrals, parenting classes, and counseling. Generally, these organizations do not charge fees unless they also operate a licensed medical clinic on site.

Ethical & Effective Referrals

Empowering patients in their decision-making process is key. When making a referral to an adoption provider, it's important to present at least three options. This allows the patient to understand the range of services available and choose the one that best suits her needs. See the Understanding Infant Adoption curriculum handouts [Questions for Healthcare Practitioners to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys](#) and [Questions for Patients to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys](#) for suggestions.

Choosing an Adoption Provider

The Internet is full of adoption providers offering help to expectant parents, but not all of these entities have your patients' best interests at heart. It's essential to understand the different types of adoption professionals available:

- **Licensed Adoption Agencies:** Adoption agencies are licensed by the state to provide adoption services to expectant/birth parents and adoptive families. These services can include social work, home studies, adoption education, pregnancy counseling, adoption matching, and post-placement care. Agencies work

to ensure that social and emotional challenges are addressed through social work and counseling, while also ensuring compliance with adoption rules and regulations.

- **Licensed Adoption Attorneys:** Attorneys play a vital role in the adoption process. Ideally, the adoptive parents should have their own attorney, and the expectant or birth parents should be represented by a separate attorney. This ensures that everyone's rights are protected and that there are no conflicts of interest. Attorneys in Florida are licensed by the Florida State Bar Association.
- **Unlicensed Adoption Intermediaries:** Some adoption providers are not licensed to offer adoption services. Unlicensed adoption intermediaries are also referred to as “advertisers,” “matchmakers,” “brokers,” or “marketers.” They solicit expectant and adoptive parents for their services through online ads and other marketing tactics and collect substantial matching fees from hopeful adoptive parents. Working with an unlicensed adoption provider can complicate the process for expectant mothers trying to find suitable adoptive parents for their children and can prevent them from getting adequate support and guidance. It is very appropriate to ask an agency to see a copy of their state-issued child-placing agency license.

More than half of the states in the U.S. have laws prohibiting the use of unlicensed adoption intermediaries, but such laws are frequently overlooked. Only the Department of Children and Families, a Florida-licensed child-placing agency, or an attorney is authorized to place a minor for adoption or charge or accept a fee in connection with adoption, except if the minor is placed with a relative or stepparent. See [Florida Adoption Laws](#), below, for further information.

- **Out-of-State Adoption Providers:** With the increasing use of the Internet in the adoption process, patients may choose to work with adoption providers located outside of Florida. It's crucial to ensure these out-of-state providers are licensed to provide adoption services and that they work cooperatively with a Florida-licensed adoption agency and attorney to ensure that the placing parents receive local support before, during, and after adoption. This not only ensures legal compliance but also the safety and well-being of the patient and the child.

Choosing Prospective Adoptive Parents

The process of selecting adoptive parents requires careful consideration. Expectant parents often have a specific vision of the type of family they wish to find for their child. A Florida-licensed child-placing agency or attorney can assist expectant parents in identifying potential adoptive families that align with their desired characteristics. Once the expectant parent has reviewed profiles of suitable prospective adoptive parents, she should have the opportunity to meet with them in person whenever possible before making a final decision.

Expectant parents should create a list of questions to ask prospective adoptive parents to ensure they find the right family for their child. However, compiling this list can be overwhelming. See the handout [Questions for Patients to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys](#) for suggestions.

Support After Adoption

Birth parents often experience grief and a range of intense emotional and psychological effects after placing a child for adoption. It is important to provide them with mental health support during this time. Support following adoption can take various forms, including individual counseling, group therapy, and support groups.

Florida Adoption Laws

Adoption is a complex legal process. Violating state laws can jeopardize the safety of all parties involved, as well as the child's permanency. Below are frequently asked questions regarding Florida's adoption laws.

Does Florida allow independent (non-agency) adoptions?

Yes. Florida does allow independent (non-agency) adoptions, often referred to as "private" or "independent" adoptions. In these cases, the adoption is arranged directly between the placing parents and the adoptive parents, typically with the assistance of an attorney rather than a licensed adoption agency.

Does Florida allow unlicensed adoption facilitators?

No, Florida does not permit unlicensed adoption facilitators. Only the Department of Children and Families, a Florida-licensed child-placing agency, or an attorney is authorized to place a minor for adoption or charge or accept a fee in connection with adoption. Violating this law is classified as a felony of the third degree. [Fla. Stat. § 63.212 \(2024\)](#)

Does Florida require that placing parents have separate legal representation?

No. [Fla. Stat. § 63.082\(1\) \(2024\)](#)

Are adoptive parents allowed to pay an expectant mother's living expenses?

Yes. The adoptive parents are allowed to pay the expectant mother's reasonable living expenses if she is unable to pay them due to unemployment, underemployment, or disability. These expenses include rent, utilities, basic telephone service, food, toiletries, necessary clothing, transportation, insurance, and other expenses found by the court to be necessary for the health and well-being of the birth mother and the unborn child, during the pregnancy and for a period of up to six weeks postpartum. Adoptive parents can also pay an expectant mother's reasonable and necessary medical expenses. Court approval is required if living and medical expenses exceed \$5,000.00. [Fla. Stat. § 63.097 \(2024\)](#)

When can the placing mothers sign the adoption consent or relinquishment?

Placing mothers are allowed to sign adoption consents no sooner than 48 hours after the child's birth or on the day that the mother is notified in writing that she is fit to be released from the licensed hospital or birth center, whichever is earlier. [Fla. Stat. § 63.082\(4\)\(b\) \(2024\)](#)

For information on birth fathers' right to give their consent, please see the guidance regarding birth fathers below.

Can birth mothers who have consented to an adoption change their mind and revoke their consent?

If the minor being adopted is under the age of six months when the consent is signed, the consent is irrevocable upon signature. If the minor being adopted is older than six months when the consent is signed, the consent can be revoked within three (3) business days. [Fla. Stat. § 63.082 \(2024\)](#)

For information on birth fathers' right to revoke their consent, please see the guidance regarding birth fathers below.

Are post-adoption contact agreements legally binding in Florida?

No, except where the child was adopted from foster care. [Fla. Stat. § 63.0427 \(2024\)](#)

What legal rights do birth fathers have in a Florida adoption?

In all states, including Florida, birth fathers' legal rights in adoption depend on various factors, such as their legal relationship with the child's mother and their actions before and after being notified of the adoption proceedings. Birth fathers who wish to understand and enforce their legal rights should consult with a Florida adoption attorney for guidance.

What to do when you suspect a violation in your hospital?

If you witness violations of Florida law in your hospital or healthcare clinic, you should immediately file a report. Where you file the report will depend on the type of entity or individual who has committed the offense. If you are witnessing repeated offenses, alert your healthcare administration office.

Type of Entity	Where to Report	Contact Information
Licensed Adoption Agency	Florida Department of Children and Families	(800) 962-2873 https://reportabuse.myflfamilies.com/s
Licensed Attorney	Florida Bar's Division of Lawyer Regulation	https://www.floridabar.org/public/acap/assistance/
Unlicensed Adoption Facilitator Unlicensed Adoption Advertising	Office of the Attorney General	https://www.myfloridalegal.com/how-to-contact-us/file-a-complaint

Child Protection in Florida

In the state of Florida, mandated reporters include:

- Physicians, osteopaths, medical examiners, chiropractors, nurses, or hospital personnel
- Other healthcare or mental health professionals
- Social workers, daycare center workers, or other professional childcare, foster care, residential, or institutional workers

[Fla. Stat. § 39.201 \(2024\)](#)

Child Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Definitions under Florida Law

Under Florida law, a child is any person under the age of 18. [Fla. Stat. §39.01 \(2024\)](#)

- **Abuse** means any willful act or threatened act that results in any physical, mental, or sexual abuse, injury, or harm that causes or is likely to cause a child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired. Abuse of a child includes the birth of a new child into a family during an open dependency case when the parent or caregiver has been determined to lack the protective capacity to safely care for the children in the home and has not substantially complied with the case plan toward successful reunification or met the conditions for return of the children into the home. Abuse of a child includes acts or omissions. [Fla. Stat. §39.01 \(2024\)](#)
- **Neglect** occurs when a child is deprived of, or is allowed to be deprived of, necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical treatment or a child is permitted to live in an environment when such deprivation or environment causes the child's physical, mental, or emotional health to be significantly impaired or to be in danger of being significantly impaired. Neglect of a child includes acts or omissions. [Fla. Stat. §39.01 \(2024\)](#)

Florida Department of Children and Families Contact Information

Contact the Florida Department of Children and Families to report incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

- **Abuse Hotline:** (800) 962-2873
- **Reporter Portal:** <https://reportabuse.myflfamilies.com/s/>

Safe Haven/Safe Surrender Laws and Process

Safe Haven/Safe Surrender laws are designed to prevent the abandonment and endangerment of infants by providing a safe and legal way for parents to relinquish unharmed newborns. These laws allow parents to safely surrender their infant directly to a designated provider, while generally protecting them from criminal liability and prosecution. Additionally, these laws ensure that the relinquishing parent can remain anonymous. It is important to note that Safe Haven/Safe Surrender laws are intended for use in extreme circumstances and are not a substitute for the resources provided in the public child welfare system or private adoption processes.

For Immediate Assistance: Call or text the 24/7 Safe Haven Crisis Helpline at 1-888-510-BABY (2229)

What are the age restrictions for a Safe Haven/Safe Surrender relinquishment in Florida?

A newborn infant may be relinquished. The term 'newborn infant' means a child that a licensed physician reasonably believes to be approximately 7 days old or younger. (Ann. Stat. § 383.50)

Who can relinquish the infant under Safe Haven/Safe Surrender laws?

The infant may be relinquished by his or her parent. (Ann. Stat. § 383.50)

Who are the designated Safe Haven/Safe Surrender providers?

The child may be left at a hospital, emergency medical services station, or fire station. (Ann. Stat. § 383.50)

Putative Father Registry

A putative father is a person who claims to be the father of a child and wants to establish paternity. The purpose of a registry is to allow an unmarried father of a born or unborn child to register his name so he will be notified before the child is placed for adoption. The father does not have to be listed on the birth certificate to register.

- **Florida Putative Father Registry**

Department of Health/Vital Statistics

PO Box 210

Jacksonville, FL 32231-0049

Phone: (904) 359-6900 x1096

https://www.floridahealth.gov/certificates/certificates/birth/Putative_Father/index.html

Florida Adoption Service Providers

Licensed Private Adoption Agencies

In the Florida, adoption agencies are licensed by the Department of Children and Families Office of Licensing. The following licensed agencies focus on domestic infant adoption with counseling and/or services available for expectant parents. A full listing of child placing agencies licensed in Florida is available online from <https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/licensing/child-placing-agency-licensing>. Some agencies are licensed in multiple states.

* Denotes a for-profit agency.

Contact ascc@adoptioncouncil.org with any additions, corrections, or updates.

- **26health**
801 N Magnolia Ave
Orlando, FL 32803
Phone: (321) 800-2922
Contact Form: <https://26health.org/contact-26health/>
<https://26health.org/adoption>
- **A Bond Of Love Adoption Agency**
113 S Monroe St 1st Fl
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: (941) 957-0064
Fax: (941) 954-5134
abladopt@aol.com
<https://abondoflove.org/>
- **A Chosen Child**
2507-B Edgewater Dr
Orlando, FL 32804
Phone: (407) 758-0385
karen@achosenchild.com
<http://achosenchild.com/>
- **Abiding Love Adoption Agency**
50 N Laura St Ste 2516
Jacksonville, FL 32202-3664
Phone: (866) 939-4159
info@abidingloveadopt.com
<https://abidingloveadopt.com/>
- **Adopt America**
111 NE First St Ste 902
Miami, FL 33132
Phone: (305) 358-2442
Fax: (305) 433-7817
info@adoptamerica411.com
<https://www.adoptamerica411.com/>
- **Adoption & Family Support Center**
709 Hills Blvd
Port Orange, FL 32127
Phone: (386) 852-9098
Fax: (386) 322-3349
Contact Form: <https://www.adoptfloridafamily.com/contacts/>
<https://www.adoptfloridafamily.com/>
- **Adoption Advocates**
11407 Seminole Blvd
Largo, FL 33778
Phone: (727) 391-8096
tara@adoptionadvocatesinc.com
<https://www.adoptionadvocatesinc.com/>

- **Adoption By Shepherd Care**
5400 S University Dr Ste 102
Davie, FL 33328
Phone: (954) 981-2060
assist@adoptabsc.org
<https://adoptabsc.org/>
- **Adoption Choices Of Florida**
8875 Hidden River Pkwy Ste 300
Tampa, FL 33637
Phone: (720) 371-1099
Contact Form: <https://adoptionchoicesflorida.com/contact-us/>
<https://adoptionchoicesflorida.com>
- **Adoption Miracles**
10213 Wilsky Blvd
Tampa, FL 33625
Phone: (813) 654-6911
Fax: (813) 654-6911
adoptionmiracles@yahoo.com
<https://www.adoptionmiracles.org/>
- **Adoption Services Inc.**
28 Central Blvd
Camp Hill, PA 17011
Phone: (800) 943-0400
vince@adoption-services.org
<https://www.adoption-services.org/>
- **Adoption STAR**
1040 Bayview Dr Ste 318
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Phone: (954) 566-6055
info@adoptionstar.com
<https://www.adoptionstar.com/>
- **Advocates For Children And Families dba ACF Adoptions**
16831 NE Sixth Ave
North Miami Beach, FL 33162
Phone: (305) 653-2474
info@adoptionflorida.org
<https://adoptionflorida.org/>
- **Alliance For Children**
8950 SW 74 Ct Ste 2201-A108
Miami, FL 33156
Phone: (239) 488-2550
info@allforchildren.org
<https://www.allforchildrenadoption.org/>

- **American Adoptions of Florida**
3001 N Rocky Point Dr E Ste 200
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: (813) 868-1000
<https://www.americanadoptions.com/>
- **AmericanKidz Adoption Services***
4201 4th St N Ste 4
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
Phone: (727) 424-4348
Fax: (727) 823-6353
calcuttadopt@att.net
<http://www.americkidzadoption.com/>
- **Beacon House Adoption Services**
9378 Arlington Expwy Ste 322
Jacksonville, FL 32225
Phone: (888) 987-6300
linda@beaconhouseadoption.com
<https://beaconhouseadoption.com/>
- **Building Families Adoption Agency***
2920 Winter Lake Rd
Lakeland, FL 33803
Phone: (863) 937-9100
Contact Form: <https://adoptinflorida.com/contact>
<https://adoptinflorida.com/>
- **Caring Choices**
1701 NE 9th St
Gainesville, FL 32609
Phone: (866) 901-9647
Contact Form: <https://www.caringchoicesnorthflorida.org/contact>
<https://www.caringchoicesnorthflorida.org/>
- **Catholic Charities – Diocese of St Petersburg**
6247 Seminole Blvd Ste 400
Seminole, FL 33772
Phone: (727) 430-6306
<https://www.ccdosp.org/>
- **Christian Family Services**
2720 SW 2nd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32607
Phone: (352) 378-6202
Contact Form: <https://cfsfl.org/contact-us/>
<https://cfsfl.org/>

- **Connected By Love Adoptions**
241 E 6th Ave
Tallahassee, FL 32303-6207
Phone: (321) 355-2010
heather@connectedbyloveadoptions.com
<https://connectedbyloveadoptions.com/>
- **Destiny Adoption Services**
4120 5th Ave N Ste #7
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: (727) 202-8966
Contact Form: <https://destinyadoption.com/contact-us>
<https://destinyadoption.com/>
- **Finally Home Christian Adoption Services***
3300 Henderson Blvd Ste 201
Tampa, FL 33609
Phone: (813) 777-0885
lsmith@finallyhomecas.com
<https://finallyhomecas.com/>
- **Florida Adoption Center***
1840 Sarno Rd
Melbourne, FL 32935
Phone: (855) 899-5683
Fax: (321) 392-4042
office@floridaadoptioncenter.com
<https://www.floridaadoptioncenter.com/>
- **Forever Families Adoption Services***
1155 S Semoran Blvd Ste #1150
Winter Park, FL 32792
Phone: (407) 977-8639
Contact Form: <https://foreverfamiliesadoptions.org/contact-us/>
<https://foreverfamiliesadoptions.org/>
- **Gift of Life Adoptions***
15500 Roosevelt Blvd #304
Clearwater, FL 33760
Phone: (800) 216-5433
Contact Form: <https://giftoflifeadoptions.com/contact-us/>
<https://giftoflifeadoptions.com/>
- **Gladney Center For Adoption**
1210 Millenium Pkwy Ste 1036
Brandon, FL 33511-4861
Phone: (813) 536-3436
Contact Form: <https://adoptionsbygladney.com/contact>
<https://adoptionsbygladney.com>

- Heart Of Adoptions**
 418 W Platt St Ste A
 Tampa, FL 33606
 Phone: (813) 548-3499
info@heartofadoptions.com
<https://heartofadoptions.com/>
- Heart To Heart Adoptions**
 4007 SW 77th St
 Gainesville, FL 32608
 Phone: (689) 208-2050
<https://hearttoheartadopt.com/>
- Heartfelt Adoption and Surrogacy Services***
 1405 Oakfield Dr
 Brandon, FL 33511
 Phone: (813) 835-6000
 Fax: (813) 835-6004
2adopt@heartfeltadopt.com
<https://heartfeltadopts.com/>
- HOAA Adoption Services**
 418 W Platt St Ste C
 Tampa, FL 33606
 Phone: (813) 559-0035
info@adopthoaa.org
<https://adopthoaa.org/>
- Lifeline Children's Services**
 1301 E Gadsden St
 Pensacola, FL 32501
 Phone: (850) 547-6466
florida@lifelinechild.org
<https://lifelinechild.org/states/florida/>
- Lifetime Adoption***
 6640 Congress St Ste 101
 New Port Richey, FL 34653
 Phone: (727) 493-0933
 Contact Form: <https://lifetimeadoption.com/birthmothers/connect-with-us>
<https://lifetimeadoption.com/>
- The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services**
 Alan J. Taffet Building
 8540 Baycenter Rd
 Jacksonville, FL 32256
 Phone: (904) 394-5750
 Contact Form: <https://jfcsjax.org/services/birth-mother-services/>
<https://jfcsjax.org/>

- My Florida Adoptions**
 24705 US Hwy 19 N Ste 306
 Clearwater, FL 33763
 Phone: (727) 233-3457
info@myfladoptions.com
<https://www.myfladoptions.com/>
- Nightlight Christian Adoptions**
 1950 Lee Rd Ste 219
 Winter Park, FL 32789
 Phone: (407) 628-9051
 Fax: (407) 604-0510
info@nightlight.org
<https://nightlight.org/florida-adoption-agency/>
- United In Love Adoptions**
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 Saint Cloud, FL 34769
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Licensed Adoption Attorneys

This listing reflects the current Florida licensed fellows of the [Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys](#). This list may not be representative of all attorneys in the state working in the field of adoption law. Some attorneys hold licensure in more than one state.

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- [AdoptChange](#)

- [Child Welfare Information Gateway: State, Territory, and Tribal Resources](#)
- [Florida Department of Children and Families](#)
- [Florida State Bar](#)
- [State of Florida Statutes](#)

About the Adoption-Sensitive Clinical Care Project

It is critical that expectant parents who may wish to place a child for adoption have access to appropriately trained staff and comprehensive supports throughout the adoption process. The federally-funded Adoption-Sensitive Clinical Care Project and the Understanding Infant Adoption curriculum are being administered by [National Council For Adoption \(NCFA\)](#), [The Adoption & Foster Care Clinic](#), [Spaulding for Children](#), and [University of Washington School of Social Work](#) for the project period 2024-2026.

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