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# Pennsylvania 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 where 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 Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania are licensed by the Pennsylvania 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. Pennsylvania allows unlicensed adoption facilitators to provide adoption services. See [Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania. It's crucial to ensure these out-of-state providers are licensed to provide adoption services and that they work cooperatively with a Pennsylvania-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 Pennsylvania-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.

## Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania's adoption laws.

### Does Pennsylvania allow independent (non-agency) adoptions?

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

## Does Pennsylvania allow unlicensed adoption facilitators?

Yes. Pennsylvania allows unlicensed adoption facilitators to provide adoption services. However, Pennsylvania does not regulate these entities or provide oversight. Therefore, anyone working with unlicensed adoption facilitators in Pennsylvania should proceed at their own risk.

## Does Pennsylvania require that placing parents have separate legal representation?

No, but the court shall appoint counsel for a parent who petitions for and is found to be unable to afford legal counsel. No attorney shall represent both the prospective adoptive parents and the placing parents. [Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2313 \(2024\)](#)

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

No. However, adoptive parents may pay a third party for the expectant mother's medical and hospital expenses only. [Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2533\(a,c\) \(2024\)](#)

## When can the placing parents sign the adoption consent or relinquishment?

The placing parent can sign the consent no sooner than 72 hours after the child's birth. [Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2711\(c-d\) \(2024\)](#)

## Can placing parents who have consented to an adoption change their mind and revoke their consent?

Yes. For a consent to an adoption executed by a birth mother, the consent becomes irrevocable 30 days after it is signed. [Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2711\(c\) \(2020\)](#)

## Are post-adoption contact agreements legally binding in Pennsylvania?

Yes, subject to the child's best interests. [Pa. Cons. Stat. § 2731-39 \(2020\)](#)

## What legal rights do birth fathers have in a Pennsylvania adoption?

In all states, including Pennsylvania, 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 Pennsylvania adoption attorney for guidance.

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

If you witness violations of Pennsylvania 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	Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families	Contact the regional OCYF office: <a href="https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/contact/ocyf-regional-offices.html">https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/contact/ocyf-regional-offices.html</a>
Licensed Adoption Attorney	Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania	<a href="https://www.padisciplinaryboard.org/for-the-public/file-complaint">https://www.padisciplinaryboard.org/for-the-public/file-complaint</a>

## Child Protection in Pennsylvania

### Child Protective Services Referrals

Among state-mandated reporters are all persons licensed or certified to practice in any health-related field; emergency medical services providers; clergy, and employees of social services who have direct contact with children in the course of their employment. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6311 \(2024\)](#)

To learn more about mandated reporting in Pennsylvania, visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe/mandated-reporter-training.html>.

### Child Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Definitions under Pennsylvania Law

Under Pennsylvania law, a child is any person under the age of 18. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6303 \(2024\)](#)

- **Child abuse** shall mean intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act. Includes, among other definitions, creating a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to a child through any recent act or failure to act; causing serious physical neglect; and forcefully shaking, slapping, or striking a child younger than age 1. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6303 \(2024\)](#)
- **Serious physical neglect** means any of the following acts when committed by a perpetrator that endangers a child's life or health; threatens a child's well-being; causes bodily injury; or impairs a child's health, development, or functioning:
  - A repeated, prolonged, or egregious failure to supervise a child in a manner that is appropriate, considering the child's developmental age and abilities
  - The failure to provide a child with adequate essentials of life, including food, shelter, or medical care.

[23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6303 \(2024\)](#)

### Pennsylvania Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Contact Information

To report concerns about child abuse, neglect or sexual abuse, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

- **State ChildLine Hotline:** (800) 932-0313
- **Online Child Welfare Portal (non-emergency):** <https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/cwis>

### 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 more information about Safe Haven in Pennsylvania, visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/secret-safe>.

- **National Safe Haven Alliance:** Call or text the 24/7 Safe Haven Crisis Helpline at 1-888-510-BABY (2229)
- **Pennsylvania Safe Haven Helpline:** 1-866-921-SAFE (7233)

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

The newborn child must be 28 days old or younger as reasonably determined by a physician. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6502 \(2024\)](#)

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

A parent of the newborn may relinquish the infant to a Safe Haven provider or to a newborn incubator at a Safe Haven location. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 6503, 6504 \(2024\)](#)

## Who are the designated Safe Haven/Safe Surrender providers?

In Pennsylvania, healthcare providers at a hospital, police officers at a police station, and emergency services providers are all considered Safe Haven providers. For purposes of accepting a newborn and for immunity provided, the term healthcare provider includes administrative, managerial, and security personnel, and any other person employed by a hospital or urgent care center. [23 Pa. Cons. Stat. §§ 6502, 6503, 6504 \(2024\)](#)

## 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.

Pennsylvania does not have a putative father registry, but does provide for voluntary acknowledgement of paternity process. Those seeking to establish parentage may learn more about options and procedures at [https://www.humanservices.dhs.pa.gov/csWS/CSWS\\_controller.aspx?PageId=CSWS%2festablish\\_paternity.asc](https://www.humanservices.dhs.pa.gov/csWS/CSWS_controller.aspx?PageId=CSWS%2festablish_paternity.asc).

## Pennsylvania Adoption Service Providers

### Licensed Private Adoption Agencies

In Pennsylvania, adoption agencies are licensed by the state Department of Social Services, Child Division. The following licensed agencies focus on domestic infant adoption with counseling and/or services available for expectant parents. A full listing of state-licensed agencies is available from <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/adopt-pa-kids/resources>. Some agencies are licensed in multiple states.

\* Denotes a for-profit agency.

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[absoluteloveadoptions@gmail.com](mailto:absoluteloveadoptions@gmail.com)  
<https://absoluteloveadoptions.com/>



- Adoption by Choice**  
 4408 Peach St Ste #202  
 Erie, PA 16509-1371  
 Phone: (814) 836-9887  
 Contact Form: <https://adoptionbychoice.org/contact-us>  
<https://adoptionbychoice.org/>
- Adoption Connection, PA**  
 700 Turnpike St  
 Beaver, PA 15009  
 Phone: (724) 371-0671  
 Fax: (724) 371-0674  
[info@adoptionconnectionpa.org](mailto:info@adoptionconnectionpa.org)  
<https://adoptionconnectionpa.org/>
- Adoption Services, Inc.**  
 28 Central Blvd  
 Camp Hill, PA 17011  
 Phone: (800) 943-0400  
[vince@adoptionsservices.org](mailto:vince@adoptionsservices.org)  
<https://www.adoptionsservices.org/>
- Adoptions From The Heart**  
 30-31 Hampstead Cir  
 Wynnewood, PA 19096  
 Phone: (888) 612-3631  
[adoption@afth.org](mailto:adoption@afth.org)  
<https://afth.org/>
- All About Love Adoptions\***  
 600 Eagleview Blvd Ste 300  
 Exton, PA 19341  
 Phone: (484) 359-7252  
 Fax: (484) 206-7692  
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<https://www.allaboutloveadoptions.com/>
- Alliance for Children**  
 4 Terry Dr Ste 1  
 Newtown, PA 19103  
 Phone: (267) 518-3267  
 Contact Form: <https://www.allforchildrenadoption.org/contact-new/>  
<https://www.allforchildrenadoption.org/>
- American Adoptions**  
 3 W Monument Sq Ste 210  
 Lewistown, PA 17044  
 Phone: (800) 236-7846  
 Contact Form: [https://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/free\\_info](https://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/free_info)  
<https://www.americanadoptions.com/>

- A Baby Step Adoption\***  
 340 Morgantown Rd Ste 2  
 Reading, PA 19611  
 Phone: (610) 998-3340  
[info@ababystepadoption.com](mailto:info@ababystepadoption.com)  
<https://ababystepadoption.com/>
- Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services**  
 329 W 10th St  
 Erie, PA 16502  
 Phone: (814) 616-2298  
 Contact Form: <https://www.cccas.org/contact/>  
<https://www.cccas.org/>
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Allentown**  
 402 W Chew St  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
 Phone: (610) 435-1541  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesad.org/>
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Harrisburg**  
 939 E Park Dr Ste 103  
 Harrisburg, PA 17111  
 Phone: (717) 564-7115  
 Fax: (717) 564-7180  
[gpfeifer@cchbg.org](mailto:gpfeifer@cchbg.org)  
<https://www.cchbg.org/>
- CSS Adoption Services**  
 4400 N Reese St  
 Philadelphia, PA 19140  
 Phone: (267) 331-2463  
[adoption@chs-adphila.org](mailto:adoption@chs-adphila.org)  
<https://adoption-phl.org/>
- Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County**  
 1008 S 2nd St  
 Clearfield, PA 16830  
 Phone: (814) 765-2686  
[info@childaid.com](mailto:info@childaid.com)  
<https://www.childaid.org/>
- Children's Aid Society of Mercer County**  
 PO Box 167  
 350 W Market St  
 Mercer, PA 16137  
 Phone: (724) 662-4730  
 Fax: (724) 662-4295  
[casmc@casmercerc.org](mailto:casmc@casmercerc.org)  
<https://casmercerc.org/>



- The Children's Home Society of New Jersey**  
 635 S Clinton Ave  
 Trenton, NJ 08611  
 Phone: (609) 695-6274  
[info@chsofnj.org](mailto:info@chsofnj.org)  
<https://chsofnj.org/>
- The Children's Home of Pittsburgh & Lemieux Family Center**  
 5324 Penn Ave  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
 Phone: (412) 736-2908  
 Fax: (412) 441-0167  
[birthparentspecialist@chomepgh.org](mailto:birthparentspecialist@chomepgh.org)  
<https://www.childrenshomepgh.org/>
- City Plan**  
 383 N Main St  
 Carrolltown, PA 15722  
 Phone: (814) 344-5946  
 Contact Form: <https://cityplan.tv/#contact>  
<https://cityplan.tv/>
- CommonSense Adoption & Foster Care**  
 1215 Manor Dr Ste 206  
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
 Phone: (717) 412-0772  
[Contact@CommonSenseAdoption.org](mailto:Contact@CommonSenseAdoption.org)  
<https://commonsenseadoption.org/>
- Families United Network**  
 276 Ashler Manor Dr  
 Muncy, PA 17756  
 Phone: (570) 546-8797  
 Fax: (570) 546-3198  
[info@families4kids.org](mailto:info@families4kids.org)  
<https://families4kids.org/>
- Genesis of Pittsburgh**  
 550 California Ave  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
 Phone: (412) 766-5212  
 Contact Form: <https://genesispgh.org/contact/>  
<https://genesispgh.org>
- Gladney Center for Adoption**  
 6300 John Ryan Dr  
 Fort Worth, TX 76132-4122  
 Phone: (717) 369-8534  
 Contact Form: <https://adoptionsbygladney.com/contact>  
<https://adoptionsbygladney.com/>

- **Haven Adoptions\***  
328 E Ormandy Pl  
Ambler, PA 19002  
Phone: (800) 716-8220  
[info@havenadoptions.com](mailto:info@havenadoptions.com)  
<https://haven-adoptions.com/>
- **Open Arms Adoption Network – JCFS of Greater Philadelphia**  
345 Montgomery Ave  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004  
Phone: (267) 256-2229  
Contact Form: <https://openarmsadoption.net/contact-us/>  
<https://openarmsadoption.net/>
- **Pennsylvania Adoption ARC**  
4247 Locust St #404  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Phone: (215) 607-8301  
Contact Form: <https://www.adoptionarc.com/contact-us/>  
<https://www.adoptionarc.com/>
- **Saint Joseph’s Center**  
2010 Adams Ave  
Scranton, PA 18509  
Phone: (570) 342-8379  
Fax: (570) 342-6080  
Contact Form: <https://stjosephscenter.org/contact/>  
<https://stjosephscenter.org/>
- **Transitions Adoption Agency\***  
219 W Main St Ste 2R  
Trappe, PA 19426  
Phone: (610) 642-4155  
Fax: (610) 234-2909  
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## Licensed Adoption Attorneys

This listing reflects the current Pennsylvania fellows of the [Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys](#) and 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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## Resources

- [Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families](#)
- [Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Pennsylvania Legislature: Consolidated Statutes](#)
- [AdoptChange](#)
- [Child Welfare Information Gateway: State, Territory, and Tribal Resources](#)

## 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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