

Understanding Infant Adoption 7

# Texas 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 Texas 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 <u>Questions for Healthcare Practitioners to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys</u> and <u>Questions for Patients to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys</u> 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 Texas are licensed by the Texas 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. Texas does not permit unlicensed adoption facilitators. Only licensed child placement agencies may serve as intermediaries between a prospective adoptive parent and an expectant parent. See **Texas 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 Texas. It's crucial to ensure these out-of-state providers are licensed to provide adoption services and that they work cooperatively with a Texas-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 Texas-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 <u>Questions for Patients to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys</u> 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.

# **Texas 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 Texas's adoption laws.

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

Yes. Texas 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 Texas allow unlicensed adoption facilitators?

No. Texas does not permit unlicensed adoption facilitators. Only licensed child placement agencies may serve as intermediaries between a prospective adoptive parent and an expectant parent. Violators of this law are guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. *Tex. Code Ann. Fam* § 162.025 (2024)

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

The laws in Texas do not address this issue.

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

Yes, but adoptive parents must pay all expenses through a Texas-licensed child placing agency. <u>Tex. Penal Code</u> Ann. § 25.08(b)(4) (2024)

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

An affidavit for voluntary relinquishment of parental rights and a consent to adoption must be signed at least 48 hours after the birth of the child. *Tex. Fam. Code Sec.* 161.103

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

It depends. If relinquishment is to a Texas Licensed Agency, the relinquishment is irrevocable by the birth parent upon signing. If the relinquishment is directly to an adoptive parent or parents, the relinquishment is either revocable for 10 days or may be irrevocable for up to 60 days, becoming revocable on the 61st day unless a court with jurisdiction has entered an order terminating parental rights. The document must clearly establish whether it is revocable and how to revoke. *Tex. Fam. Code Sec.* 161.103

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

No, unless the child is adopted from foster care. Tex. Fam. Code Ann. §161.2061 (2020)

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

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

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

If you witness violations of Texas 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	Department of Family and Protective Services	Contact your DFPS county office: <a href="https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Contact_Us/counties.asp">https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Contact_Us/counties.asp</a> State Office: (512) 929-6900
Licensed Adoption Attorney	Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas	https://sbotservices.texasbar.com/eservices/home.page.2

Type of Entity	Where to Report	Contact Information
Unlicensed Adoption Facilitator Unlicensed Adoption Advertising	Department of Family and Protective Services or Attorney General	

# Child Protection in Texas

#### Child Protective Services Referrals

Mandated reporters in Texas include any professional who is licensed or certified by the state, or who is employed by a facility licensed, certified, or operated by the state. Among the professionals included in this definition are nurses, doctors, or employees of a clinic or healthcare facility that provides reproductive services. *Tex. Fam. Code* § 261.101

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

Under Texas law, a child is any person under 18 years of age. Tex. Fam. Code § 101.003

- Abuse includes the following acts or omissions by a person, among others:
  - O Physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child or the genuine threat of substantial harm from physical injury to the child, including an injury that is at variance with the history or explanation given and excluding an accident or reasonable discipline by a parent, guardian, or conservator that does not expose the child to a substantial risk of harm
  - Failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent an action by another person that results in physical injury or substantial harm to the child
  - The current use by a person of a controlled substance in a manner or to the extent that the use results in physical, mental, or emotional injury to a child
- **Exploitation** means the illegal or improper use of a child or of the resources of a child for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain by an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility or program.
- Neglect means an act or failure to act by a person responsible for a child's care, custody, or welfare that
  evidences the person's blatant disregard for the consequences of the act or failure to act and results in
  harm to the child or creates an immediate danger to the child's physical health or safety. The term
  includes leaving of child in a situation in which the child would be exposed to a substantial risk of
  physical or mental harm, without arranging for necessary care for the child, and the demonstration of an
  intent not to return by a parent, guardian, or managing or possessory conservator of the child.

#### Tex. Fam. Code § 261.101

# Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Contact Information

To report concerns about child abuse, neglect or sexual abuse, contact the state Department of Family and Protective Services. If you have an emergency call 9-1-1.

Submit a report to the state hotline:

Phone: (800) 252-5400

• Online: <a href="http://www.txabusehotline.org/">http://www.txabusehotline.org/</a>

# 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 Texas?

An infant who is 60 days old or younger may be relinquished. <u>Tex. Fam. Code § 262.302</u>

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

The child's parent may voluntarily deliver the infant. <u>Tex. Fam. Code § 262.302</u>

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

Designated emergency infant care providers include an emergency medical services provider; a hospital; a licensed freestanding emergency medical care facility; a licensed child-placing agency that agrees to act as a designated emergency infant care provider and has on staff a person who is licensed as a registered nurse or who provides emergency medical services, and who will examine and provide emergency medical services to a child taken into possession by the agency; or a fire department. *Tex. Fam. Code* § 262.301

# 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.

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services operates the state paternity registry. Information is available at <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vital-statistics/paternity-information/paternity-registry">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vital-statistics/paternity-information/paternity-registry</a>.

**Note:** The Notice of Intent Claim Paternity form does not legally establish paternity, nor can it be used to add a man's name to the child's birth certificate. It is simply an assertion of belief that the man is the father of a child and wishes to preserve his rights as a parent. For information on establishing paternity for a child born in Texas and filing an Acknowledgement of Paternity, see the <u>Texas Attorney's General Office website</u>.

# **Texas Adoption Resources**

# Licensed Private Adoption Agencies

In Alabama, adoption agencies are licensed by the state Department of Families and Protective Services. The following licensed agencies focus on domestic infant adoption with counseling and/or services available for expectant parents. A full listing of state-licensed adoption agencies is available online at <a href="https://www.dfps.texas.gov/adoption\_and\_foster\_care/adoption\_partners/private.asp">https://www.dfps.texas.gov/adoption\_and\_foster\_care/adoption\_partners/private.asp</a>. If you need help finding an agency that's right for you, contact your local <a href="child care regulation office">child care regulation office</a>. Some agencies are licensed in multiple states.

Contact <u>ascc@adoptioncouncil.org</u> with any additions, corrections, or updates.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a for-profit agency.

#### ABC Adoption Agency

342 W Woodlawn Ave Ste 300

San Antonio, TX 78212 Phone: (210) 227-7820

<u>abcadoptionsanantonio@gmail.com</u> https://www.abcadoptiontexas.com/

### Abrazo Adoption Associates

3123 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78230 Phone: (800) 454-5683 https://abrazo.org/

#### Addy's Hope Adoption Agency

4500 W Illinois Ste 116 Midland, TX 79703 Phone: (432) 897-1503 Fax: (432) 897-1579 hollyann@addyshope.org https://www.addyshope.org/

# Adoption Advocates

1801 W Koenig Ln Austin, TX 78756 Phone: (512) 477-1122

info@adoptionadvocates.net

https://www.adoptionadvocates.net/

# Adoption Alliance

7303 Blanco Rd

San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (866) 348-1969

Contact Form: https://adoption-alliance.com/contact-other/

https://adoption-alliance.com/

# Adoption Angels\*

1511 Fredericksburg Rd San Antonio, TX 78201 Phone: (210) 227-2229 Fax: (210) 227-2241

Contact Form: https://www.adoptionangels.com/contact

https://www.adoptionangels.com

#### Adoption Answers, Inc.\*

9753 Forney Trl

Fort Worth, TX 76244 Phone: (800) 659-7541 Fax: (817) 887-0971

info@adoptionanswersinc.com

https://www.adoptionanswersinc.com/

# Adoption Choices of Texas\*

5005 W Royal Ln Ste 291

Irving, TX 75063

Phone: (832) 971-1358

Contact Form: https://www.adoptionchoicesoftexas.org/contact-us/

https://www.adoptionchoicesoftexas.org/

#### AdoptionWorks

5440 Harvest Hill Rd #140,

Dallas, TX 75230

Phone: (972) 960-9981

AdoptionWorks@Christian-Works.org

https://adoption-works.org/

# Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach

410 Harvey Rd Ste 300 College Station, TX 77840 Phone: (979) 764-6636

Contact Forms: https://pregnancyoutreach.org/contact-us/

https://pregnancyoutreach.org

# • Alternatives in Motion, Inc. dba AIM Adoptions

2034 Pinewoods Way Spring, TX 77386

Phone: (281) 466-1848 info@aimadoptions.org

https://www.aimadoptions.org/

#### • Alliance for Children

4316 Canyon Dr Amarillo, TX 79109 Phone: (254) 877-9724

Contact Form: https://www.allforchildrenadoption.org/contact-new/

https://www.allforchildrenadoption.org/

# American Adoptions

Phone: (800) 236-7846

adoptions@americanadoptions.com/ https://www.americanadoptions.com/

# Caring Adoptions

3700 N Main St

Houston, TX 77009 Phone: (281) 920-4300 info@caringadoptions.org

https://www.caringadoptions.org/

#### Catholic Charities Dallas

1421 W Mockingbird Ln

Dallas, TX 75247

Phone: (214) 526-2772

Contact Form: <a href="https://www.ccdallas.org/contact-us/">https://www.ccdallas.org/contact-us/</a>

https://www.ccdallas.org/services/children-family-senior-services/pregnancyparentingandadoption/

#### Children's Connections

2020 82nd St Ste 102 Lubbock, TX 79423 Phone: (806) 745-7995

<u>Info@childrensconnections.org</u> https://childrensconnections.org/

# • Christian Homes & Family Services

1202 Estates Dr Abilene, TX 79602 Phone: (325) 677-2205 Fax: (325) 677-0332

<u>attention@christianhomes.com</u> https://christianhomes.com/

#### Colores Adoptions\*

Houston, TX

Phone: (877) 677-9793 info@coloresadoptions.com/ https://coloresadoptions.com/

# A Cradle of Hope\*

5944 Luther Ln Ste 875

Dallas, TX 75225

Phone: (214) 747-4500 Fax: (214) 939-3001

Contact Form: <a href="https://cradleofhope.com/contact/">https://cradleofhope.com/contact/</a>

https://cradleofhope.com/

#### Cradle of Life Adoption Agency\*

245 N 4th St

Beaumont, TX 77701 Phone: (409) 509-6749

Contact Form: <a href="https://www.cradleoflifeadoptionagency.com/contact-us/">https://www.cradleoflifeadoptionagency.com/contact-us/</a>

https://www.cradleoflifeadoptionagency.com/

#### Cross My Heart

Phone: (832) 724-2603

director@crossmyheartadoptions.org
http://www.crossmyheartadoptions.org/

# Family to Family Adoptions, Inc.

710 S 8th St

Richmond, TX 77469 Phone: (281) 342-4042 Fax: (281) 342-4099 mary@fam2fam.org

https://www.fam2fam.org/

#### **Gladney Center for Adoption**

6300 John Ryan Dr Fort Worth, TX 76132 Phone: (817) 857-8631 adoption@gladney.org

https://gladneyadoption.com/

# **Hope Cottage**

609 Texas St Dallas, TX 75204

Phone: (214) 526-8721 info@hopecottage.org

https://www.hopecottage.org/

#### **Inheritance Adoptions**

909 8th St

Wichita Falls, TX 76301 Phone: (940) 322-3678

Contact Form: https://inheritanceadoptions.org/contact/

https://inheritanceadoptions.org/

#### Lee & Beulah Moor Children's Home

1100 E Cliff Dr El Paso, TX 79902 Phone: (915) 544-8777

Contact Form: <a href="https://leemoor.org/contact-us/">https://leemoor.org/contact-us/</a>

https://leemoor.org/

# Legacy Adoption Services\*

7952 Davis Blvd Ste 101

North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Phone: (817) 899-5000

Contact Form: <a href="https://legacyas.com/contact-us/">https://legacyas.com/contact-us/</a>

https://legacyas.com/

#### **Lifeline Children's Services**

200 Missionary Ridge Ste 200

Birmingham, AL 35242 Phone: (469) 317-9262 texas@lifelinechild.org

https://lifelinechild.org/states/texas/

# Lifetree Adoption Agency\*

5220 Spring Valley Rd Ste 550

Dallas, TX 75254

Phone: (972) 491-3333 info@lifetreeadoption.com

https://www.lifetreeadoption.com/

### Little Flower Adoptions\*

2201 Long Prairie Rd Ste 107-729

Flower Mound, TX 75022 Phone: (214) 478-1888

kris@littlefloweradoptions.com/ https://littlefloweradoptions.com/

# Living Alternatives dba Loving Alternative Adoptions\*

PO Box 131466

Tyler, TX 75713-1466 Phone: (903) 882-0182 info@livingalternatives.org https://livingalternatives.org/la/

# New Life Adoptions

11439 Spring Cypress Rd Bldg C

Tomball, TX 77377 Phone: (281) 955-1001

pregnant@newlifeadopt.com
https://newlifeadopt.com/

# Nightlight Christian Adoptions

400 Schroeder Dr Waco, TX 76710

Phone: (254) 741-1633 Fax: (254) 741-0991

info@nightlight.org

https://nightlight.org/texas-adoption-agency/

#### • Providence Place

326 Sterling Browning Rd Hollywood Park, TX 78232 Phone: (210) 696-2410

info@provplace.org

https://www.provplace.org/

# Rainbow of Love Adoption Agency, Inc.

10103 Fondren Rd Ste 500 Houston, TX 77096

Phone: (713) 779-8877

<u>Ava@roladoption.org</u>

https://roladoption.org/

#### **Smithlawn Home**

Box 6451

Lubbock, TX 79493-6451 Phone: (806)745-2574 smithlawn@windstream.net

http://smithlawn.org/

### Special Delivery Adoption, A Division of Nightlight Christian Adoptions

2505 Lakeview Dr Ste 302

Amarillo, TX 79109 Phone: (806) 367-6755

Contact Form: https://www.specialdeliveryadoptions.org/contact

https://www.specialdeliveryadoptions.org/

# **Texas Adoption Center**

6440 N Central Expy #705

Dallas, TX 75206

Phone: (512) 893-7943 Fax: (512) 947-2724

hello@texasadoptioncenter.org https://texasadoptioncenter.org/

# Texas Baptist Home For Children dba TBHC

PO Box 309

Waxahachie, TX 75168

info@tbhc.org

https://tbhc.org/about-us/contact/

#### Texas Christian Adoptions\*

640 N Carroll Ave Ste 100 Southlake, TX 76092-6485 Phone: (817) 491-2367

andrea@texaschristianadoptions.com https://texaschristianadoptions.com/

# Licensed Adoption Attorneys

This listing reflects the current Texas 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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# • Christine Henry Andresen

3005 S Lamar Blvd Ste D109-203

Austin, TX 78704

Phone: (512) 394-4230 Fax: (512) 590-8700

Contact Form: <a href="https://chalaw.com/contact-us/">https://chalaw.com/contact-us/</a>

http://www.chalaw.com/

# • Gerald A. Bates

201 Main St Ste 600 Fort Worth, TX 76102 Phone: (817) 596-4200 Fax: (817) 395-1061 gbatesatty@hotmail.com https://ekdlaw.com/

#### Carla M. Calabrese

5944 Luther Ln Ste 875

Dallas, TX 75225

Phone: (214) 747-4500 Fax: (214) 939-3001

Contact Form: <a href="https://cradleofhope.com/contact/">https://cradleofhope.com/contact/</a>

https://cradleofhope.com/

# • Heidi Bruegel Cox

6300 John Ryan Dr Fort Worth, TX 76132 Phone: (817) 922-6043 Fax: (817) 922-5955

Contact Form: https://adoptionsbygladney.com/contact

http://www.gladney.org/

# • Virginia "Ginny" L. Frank

1434 Spruce St #111 Boulder, CO 80302 Phone: (303) 756-4673

Contact Form: https://virginiafrank.com/contact-us/

http://www.virginialfrank.com/

#### • Eric C. Freeby

201 Main St Ste 700 Fort Worth, TX 76102 Phone: (817) 338-4888 Fax: (817) 338-0700

efreeby@brownpruitt.com
https://adoptionbp.com/

#### Alyssa Jacobs

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ajacobs@brownpruitt.com https://adoptionbp.com/

#### Melody Brooks Royall

1551 Greens Prairie Rd Ste 101A College Station. TX 77845

Phone: (713) 462-6500 Fax: (713) 462-6570

<u>TheRoyalls@theroyalls.com</u> http://www.adoptiontexas.com/

#### Jenny L. Womack

14902 Preston Rd Ste 404 #395

Dallas, TX 75254 Phone: (214) 935-3310 Fax: (214) 935-3311

jenny@womackadoptions.com https://womackadoptions.com/

#### Harold C. Zuflacht

12000 Huebner Rd Ste 200 San Antonio, TX 78230-1204

Phone: (210) 349-9933 Fax: (210) 349-9988

Contact Form: <a href="https://www.hhzfamilylaw.com/#footerForm">https://www.hhzfamilylaw.com/#footerForm</a>

https://www.hhzfamilylaw.com

#### Resources

- Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys
- AdoptChange
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
- Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas
- Texas Legislature: Statutes
- 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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