

# *Birth Parents' Bill of Rights*

*Every birth parent has the right to:*

- ▶ *Be treated like any other new mother or father.*
- ▶ *Be informed of agency policies on adoption.*
- ▶ *Be treated to unbiased, non-judgmental counseling.*
- ▶ *To choose and meet the adoptive parents for their child.*
- ▶ *Have the right to request written information about the adoptive family.*
- ▶ *Receive information about their baby (sex, size, birth weight, etc.).*
- ▶ *Be offered the opportunity of holding and feeding their baby at the hospital.*
- ▶ *To name the baby for the original birth certificate and to request a copy.*
- ▶ *To know what is happening to the child (legal proceedings, foster care, etc.).*
- ▶ *When foster care is part of the plan, to meet the foster family and have visits with the baby while it is in foster care.*
- ▶ *If desired, to receive photographs of the child as a newborn and on an on-going basis.*
- ▶ *Have access to updated information about the child.*
- ▶ *If post-placement contact is desired (letters, visits, phone calls, photographs, etc.), to come to an agreement with the adoptive family on a plan that meets everyone's needs.*



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