

WHO WE ARE

Christian Adoption Services has been providing adoption services across North Dakota and Minnesota since 1985.

We are advocates for open adoption and are committed to placing children in carefully screened homes, where they will have their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs met and where they will be nurtured in the love of Christ.

WHAT WE DO

We present the loving option of adoption that is often overlooked when facing an unexpected pregnancy.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that each life is sacred and unrepeatable.

We believe in supporting women and our commitment to our clients is for life.



We Provide:

- Free Pregnancy Tests
- Free Decision-Making Counseling
- Free Adoption Counseling
- Well-Screened Waiting Families
- Referral Services
- Community Education



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Words Matter

A GUIDE TO POSITIVE
ADOPTION LANGUAGE



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Birth Family Language

APPROPRIATE TERMS

birth family
biological family
biological mom
biological dad
birth dad
birth mom
chose adoption
chose to parent
relinquish parental rights
created an adoption plan
placing child for adoption

TERMS TO AVOID

real mom
real dad
real family
abandoned
kept the baby
adopted out
natural parent
couldn't keep
gave up
put up for adoption

The "terms to avoid" imply that no thought or care went into the decision. Appropriate terms acknowledge the love and responsibility involved.



I'm not giving up my baby. I'm giving to my baby. I am giving her life, love, stability, and two wonderful parents,

- BIRTH MOM



Our child's birth mother made a brave and loving choice in choosing to make an adoption plan.

- ADOPTIVE MOM



Adoptive parents and biological parents are both real and important!

Adoptive Family Language

APPROPRIATE TERMS

build a family through adoption
dad, mom, parents, child
make contact with
adoption circle
chose adoption
impacted by infertility
was adopted
adoptive parents*
adoptee*

TERMS TO AVOID

children of their own
could not conceive
adoption triangle
reunited with birth mom
infertile
is adopted
adoptive parents*
adoptee*

*These terms are appropriate in the context of the adoption process, at the hospital, or when the adoptive and birth parents are both present.