

Women of all ages and walks of life have experienced unplanned pregnancies. They may be students or in a career; in their teens, 20s, 30s or 40s; single or married. Thousands of women like you have had to face a time of change and decision. Soon you'll be making some very important choices and it's hard to do that on your own.


Sunny Ridge Family Center is here for you, to provide professional services and practical planning during this important time in your life. You have choices, and our goal is to offer adoption as an option, without pressure, in a way that honors you as a parent making decisions for your child.





Why would I consider adoption for my baby?

- You may not have enough support from your family or friends to parent on your own
- You may feel it is not the right time for you to parent a child (or an additional child)
- You may not have a relationship with the father of your baby
- You may wish to finish your education or other life goals
- You may want your child to be part of a family that is financially and emotionally ready to parent

Call, text or e-mail for a free, confidential conversation.

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Are You Experiencing An Unplanned Pregnancy?



Adoption as an option

Sunny Ridge Family Center
Professional Birth Parent Services
and Support

How can Sunny Ridge help me?

Sunny Ridge can help you consider your options so you can decide what is best for you. Unless you have had direct experience with adoption, you may not know exactly what it's about or how it works. You are not obligated to choose adoption, but if you do, Sunny Ridge will help each step of the way. Everything, including the legal details, will be done at a convenient time and place for you, with respect and confidentiality.

Sunny Ridge is a nonprofit agency, open to people of all religions, ethnicities, backgrounds and family composition. Since 1979, Sunny Ridge has placed over 3000 children with adoptive families.

What about financial assistance while I am pregnant?

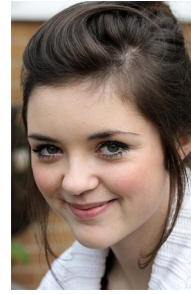
Sunny Ridge will assist you with options for medical coverage. We may also be able to help you with some living expenses while you are pregnant.

What is an "open adoption"? Can I meet the adoptive parents?

An open adoption allows for an ongoing relationship among the birth family, adoptive family, and adoptee. You can meet the adoptive parents before the adoption, and discuss your future relationship with them and the child. The amount of communication and openness between birth and adoptive parents is built on trust and is mutually agreed upon. Presents, pictures, and communication can be exchanged either directly with the adoptive parents or through Sunny Ridge. Our professional staff remains committed to helping the line of communication stay open in the future, long after the adoption is finalized. However, if you prefer, closed, confidential adoptions are also possible.

How can I feel confident about the family I select?

Sunny Ridge is state licensed, and personally conducts extensive home studies for all families hoping to adopt a child. You can also get to know the family during your pregnancy if you wish.



Am I allowed to spend time with my baby at the hospital?

Yes, if you choose, you can hold, name, and care for your baby at the hospital.

When do I have to make a decision?

Illinois law requires that you wait at least 72 hours after delivery before making a final decision to choose adoption. Of course, you may take more time if you wish. Once the legal documents are signed, your decision is permanent.

Does Sunny Ridge stay involved?

Sunny Ridge staff visits the adoptive family for six months after the adoption and continues to have contact with you if you wish. In addition, you are invited to attend our support group for birth parents and birth grandparents. We can also work with your extended family members and other important people in your life.

Does a birth father have rights?

In Illinois, both birth parents have rights concerning their child. Sunny Ridge can work with you regardless of your relationship with the birth father.

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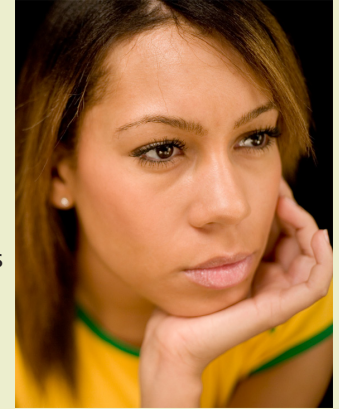
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Sunny Ridge Services

- Pregnancy counseling for birth parents and extended families before and after the birth
- Hospital visitation and coordination of services with hospital staff
- Referral of prescreened adoptive parents
- Interim care for the child, if desired
- Assistance with living and pregnancy-related expenses
- Support groups for birth parents and birth grandparents
- Help negotiating relationship with adoptive family



Comments from our birth mothers:

"When I first came to Sunny Ridge and met with my adoption counselor, she put me at ease and gave me hope."

"Our situation seemed awful – but we could see a way out if we stuck together and stuck to the plan."

"When I come to the Sunny Ridge support group, I can talk to people who know what I am going through."

Read more on our website at
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