

## **Abortion Alternatives**

### **Parenting**

Determine Support and Resources for Challenging Times

Caring people around you

Family, Friends, Pregnancy-Help Centers

Parenting Classes

Women's Pregnancy Centers

Saint Gianna's Maternity Home: Warsaw, ND

The Perry Center: Fargo, ND

The Women's Pregnancy Center: Grand Forks, ND

Assistance for High School education and College

[Http://www.acenet.edu/catec/ged/home.html](http://www.acenet.edu/catec/ged/home.html) (High School

information)

Financial Aid, Apply for Scholarships (College)

### **Adoption:**

Kinds:

Open Adoption

-enables birthmother to choose family from profiles made through an adoption agency, adoption attorney, or on-line profile resource

-birthmother gets to meet family and get to know them—identify names, phone numbers, home addresses, and social security numbers

-birthmother and adoptive family agree on terms of their relationship together

-opportunity for direct contact between birthmother and adoptive family, also may share pictures, letters, emails, and phone conversations

#### Semi-Open Adoption

-option for birthmothers to choose adoptive couples themselves

-no identifying information is disclosed

-birthmother works through an adoption agency or an attorney.

They act as mediator in regard to contact between the birthmother and the adoptive parents.

#### Closed Adoption

-birthmother has right to choose adoptive family for her child

-no correspondence allowed

-birthmother and adoptive family receive no information concerning identity and have no communication in the future

-correspondence is not allowed

#### Cost for Adoption:

-Adoptive parents pay the expenses of the birthmother

-Some may include medical expenses, help with transportation, maternity clothing, counseling, related costs due to birth, pregnancy, and delivery

#### Risks:

-intense feelings of grief, loss, and sorrow

#### Additional Information Concerning Adoption:

[Http://crisis-pregnancy.adoption.com/adoption.php](http://crisis-pregnancy.adoption.com/adoption.php)

<http://www.adoptionology.com> (Legal jargon concerned with adoption)

<http://birthmother.adoption.com/choosinganagency.php> (Help choosing an agency)

<http://birthmother.adoption.com/knowyourtype.php> (Types of adoption)

<http://forums.adoption.com> (Birthmothers' experiences)

### **Maternity Homes:**

-Why?

-Having others nearby who are going through the same experiences

-On-site counseling, support, classes, parenting training

-Assistance with future plans

-Legal assistance, financial support

-Adoption information

-Where?

-Blessed Gianna's Maternity Home: Warsaw, ND

-The Perry Center: Fargo, ND

Crisis Pregnancy Phone Numbers:

-Counseling for Abortion Alternatives:

-Nurturing Network: 800-TNN-4MOM

-Pregnancy Hotline: 800-848-LOVE

-Bethany Christians Services: 800-238-4269

-Several Sources Foundation: 800-NO-ABORT