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Experience

In the last 25 years we have helped hundreds of women through some very difficult times. We specialize in empowering the birth mothers by helping them make the best choices and to get themselves back on their feet.

Non-judgmental

No one wakes up one day and says, "I'm going to get pregnant today and make an adoption plan." In reality, adoption is often the last choice and involves circumstances beyond anyone's control, like addiction, domestic violence, lack of financial help, lack of family support, housing and employment issues, or involvement of the State in your life. All we want is for you to make the best choice for your child or children. We focus on the future - not how you got here.

Trust

We promise confidentiality. We know that the adoption option is a hard choice and that all decisions must be made privately and shared only with the people that support you and trust you.

Financial Assistance

Florida law allows for financial assistance for women opting for adoption. There are limits but generally there is full assistance provided for housing, transportation, medical needs, groceries, telephone service and clothing.

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Your Options**

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Florida Adoption Expert, Mark R. Miller, Esq.

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We are here for you!



Mark Miller, Esq.

Since 1999, we have helped find homes for over 400 children with families through the adoption process. As an adoptive parent himself, Mark Miller knows all about adoption, both professionally and personally.

Unlike most adoption attorneys or adoption agencies, we do not represent prospective adoptive parents unless they have already been matched with a birth parent. In other words, we do not help prospective adoptive parents "find" children, we help birth parents choose the right family for their child.



BIRTH MOTHER SERVICES

We can help you with:

Maternity Related Living Expenses:

Florida adoption law allows for the payment of reasonable living expenses related to the pregnancy and that may include housing, transportation, medical, clothing, child care, utilities and cell phone costs. There are limits and some restrictions but if the cost is necessary and reasonable, Florida law allows the payment.

Family Section

We will help you make all the critical decisions about who you select to adopt your child:

- You tell us who are looking for: age, race, marital status, number of children, religion, employment, education, location, and family structure, and we will find you that family.
- We then present to you the families that are interested in adopting with you and you select them from their applications.
- A face-to-face meeting is set up and you decide if you made the right choice.

Sonogram

We can send you to a private sonographer, at no cost to you, to determine due date and gender.

Medical/Medicaid

We can help find a doctor that will provide OBGYN care for you, no matter how late in the pregnancy and help getting Medicaid set up.

Substance Abuse

As long as you are willing to take the hard steps to keep you and the baby safe, we can get you help. Methadone is a common approach but treatment with subutex is a growing and needed trend, as well.



Counseling

We provide counseling, at no cost to you, from a licensed mental health counselor before and after the birth of the child.

Post-adoption Communication

The amount of communication between you and the adopting family before, during and after the birth of the child is up to you.

INTERVENTIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN

Many people don't know that if the State has opened a dependency case against a parent regarding your children you do have options:

- a) if it doesn't look like you are going to be able to complete the case plan,
- b) the State has indicated they are going to seek to terminate parental rights, or
- c) the facts of the case are pretty clear that they are going to terminate parental rights,

you can always elect to start the Intervention process with us. This is where we would help you locate a family that wants to adopt your child or children and we help them intervene into the DCF case and allow for a private adoption. It is always best to do this early in the dependency case so the children have as little disruption as possible.

