



STANDARDS FOR PREGNANCY CENTERS *PROVIDING* ADOPTION SERVICES

A pregnancy center with an adoption agency as part of its organization is eligible for Care Net affiliation if it meets the following standards:

1. The center's adoption agency is properly licensed and is in full compliance with all applicable laws.
2. The pregnancy center segregates the functional operations and finances of the adoption agency from the functional operations and finances associated with the general pregnancy decision coaching and assistance ministry.
3. Pregnancy center personnel are trained to present all positive pregnancy options in an unbiased manner.
4. The center's adoption services are only offered and made available to a pregnancy center client if, and when, specifically requested by that client. The center also offers the client referrals to at least three other licensed adoption providers (agencies or attorneys).
5. Each pregnancy center client pursuing adoption services from the center continues to be served by one or more licensed professional, para-professional, or peer support team members whose sole responsibility is to protect and advance the client's interests.
6. The center's adoption agency is operated in a manner that assures that the periodic revenues, if any, derived in connection with providing adoption services do not exceed the costs of providing such services.
7. The center maintains and enforces strict policies to prevent the adoption of any pregnancy center client's baby by its personnel, their relatives, or any other person presenting a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety.
8. The center meets all other Care Net Affiliation Standards.

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STANDARDS FOR PREGNANCY CENTERS REGARDING ADOPTION REFERRALS

Standards for a pregnancy center that consults about adoption and refers clients to outside adoption agencies:

1. Center assures that all pregnancy decision coaching personnel, whether licensed professionals, para-professionals, or peer counselors, are trained to effectively coach clients concerning adoption issues.
2. Center identifies at least three adoption agencies for referral. Centers may also refer for attorney-facilitated adoptions in states where this is legal.
3. Center assures that each adoption referral is made to a licensed, reputable, and adequately insured entity.
4. Center does not accept financial remuneration from any outside adoption agencies or enter into partnership agreements or other special contracts with such agencies.
5. A client expressing interest in pursuing adoption is given a list of referrals and encouraged to set up meetings with the adoption agencies or attorneys off site of the center.
6. In ongoing support for the client considering adoption, pregnancy center personnel act as an advocate for the interest of the client. Pregnancy center personnel do not act as a mediator in any manner between client and adoption agencies or attorneys. Pregnancy center personnel are not permitted to adopt the child of a client or recommend other persons as adoptive parents for the client's child.

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