

All children have the right to be celebrated and cherished.

When life is the choice...

One of the most courageous and loving decisions a woman can make when she is pregnant and unable to parent is to place her child for adoption. For a variety of reasons, she may decide that her child's future is more secure with an adoptive family. It is our hope that when a mother makes this difficult decision she will be supported with understanding and compassion.

All too often, babies become wards of the State and end up in foster care, where communication with the birth mother is lost. The child is left without personal history and the birth mother is left alone to cope with a variety of emotions accompanied by the grief of losing her child.

A primary concern of Infant of Prague is the health and well being of the birth mother and her child. We believe that adoption should be a celebration of life, not a legacy of abandonment. Our objective is to give the birth mother the ability to choose the adoptive parents for her baby. We want her and her child to experience the rewards of an open adoption. And we want to ensure that she has the postnatal medical care, counseling and resources necessary to celebrate her choice.

You Can Help

As a healthcare professional, you may be a birth mother's first link to emotional and medical care. You may see her struggling with her pregnancy; or in a hospital setting, she may be laboring alone, anxious or avoiding contact with her baby. Infant of Prague would like to help you support this woman.

Temporary Care for Babies

When a birth mother is working with Infant of Prague and needs time to make a decision, the TLC (Temporary Loving Care) Program may be of help to her. We can place her baby with a TLC family. She does not lose custody of her child, but she does gain the time she needs to make the best decision for her baby and herself.

Birth parents never relinquish their connection to a child, but they do relinquish their parental rights and responsibilities. Without appropriate counseling and support, the sense of loss can be overwhelming. That is why our trained social workers, with extensive experience in adoption, are on call 24 hours a day to assist and counsel birth mothers. If you know of someone who can benefit from our services, please call us.



**Infant of Prague
Adoption Service**
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Infant of Prague Adoption Service is a private, non-profit, adoption agency established in 1953. We are licensed by the State of California Department of Social Services to serve eleven counties in Central California.

Adoption Training Workshop

In an effort to help you provide optimal assistance to birth mothers, Infant of Prague offers free onsite workshops to hospital social workers, educators, and healthcare professionals. Topics covered include:

- Understanding the Process of Adoption
- The Specifics of Open Adoption
- Frequently Asked Questions from Birth Mothers Considering Adoption
- Birth Mother's Legal Rights and Responsibilities

The training program is led by social workers specializing in adoption and can be customized to meet the needs of your specific facility or organization.

To schedule a training workshop, please contact **Joanna Felger in Community Relations at (559) 447-3333.**

Resources

Please contact Infant of Prague if we can provide the following:

- General information about adoption
- Brochures designed to address common questions and concerns of birth mothers
- Training workshops for your staff, healthcare personnel, educators or students
- Quarterly newsletter



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