

ADOPTION ARC
4701 Pine Street J-y
Philadelphia, PA 19143
1-800-884-4004 OR (215) 748-1441

Birth Mother Application to Receive Services

Please fill out the best you can, leaving blanks if you do not have the information. When completed please return to the above address or call and we will come to pick it up from you.

Your Name: _____

Your Current Address:

Telephone # where we can reach you: _____

Who do you live with? _____

Does anyone in your household not know you are contacting us?

Any special instructions for when we phone your home? _____

Your date of birth: _____ Where were you born? _____

Highest grade you have completed in school: _____

Are you employed: ____ If yes, where and what do you do:

Are you married: ____ If yes, please give your date and place of marriage:

If married, is your husband the father of the child you are considering adoptive placement for?

Do you have any children? ____ If yes, please give their names, ages and who they currently live with:

Your Race: _____ Your Religion: _____ Your Height: _____ Your Weight: _

Your Hair color: _____ Your Eye color: _____ Your Social Security Number: _____

Do you have Medical Insurance? ____ If yes, what kind of insurance do you have and what is your policy number? _____

If you are pregnant now, what is your expected date of delivery? _____

At what hospital will you deliver the baby? _____

Are you receiving prenatal care? ____ If yes, where?

If you are not pregnant now, please tell us about the child you are considering an adoption plan for:

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Child's Race: _____ Child's Sex: _____

Child's Name: _____ Where is the child now? _____

Why are you considering adoption planning at this time? _____

About the Father of the Child or unborn baby:

His Name: _____

His Address: _____

Telephone # for him: _____

His Social Security # _____

His Date of Birth: _____ His Race: _____ His Religion: _____

His Height: _____ His Weight: _____

His Hair color: _____ His Eye color: _____

Is he married? _____

Does he have any other children that you are aware of? _____

Highest grade he completed in school: _____

Is he employed? _____ If yes, where and what does he do?_ Who does he live with?

Does he know about the pregnancy? _____

Does he know you are considering adoption planning? _____

How does he feel about this?

Are you currently in contact with him? _____

If you do not know who he is or where he lives, please state in your own words why this is the case:

Please check any or all services you are applying for at this time:

___ Free counseling ___ Family Mediation services

___ Adoption planning

___ Parenting support ___ Referrals to other services

I am completing this application of my own free will. I understand that it does not obligate me to any decisions now or in the future.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

COMMON QUESTIONS
YOU MIGHT THINK OF
WHEN CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR YOUR CHILD

1. Can I choose the parents who will adopt my child? At ARC you can assist in this choice. We will share profiles with you about families and you can make your selections. You can see pictures of families, possibly speak with a family on the phone and at the time of placement you can meet the family if you would like to.

2. How do I know they are good people who will provide a good home for my child? Every family who is allowed to adopt is first approved through a process called the homestudy. First they must submit a lot of paperwork such as reference letters, financial statements, medical reports, etc. We also check to be sure they have no criminal or child abuse history. Then they have a social worker come to their home 3 or more times to get to know them and their motives for adoption. Finally they have to attend training classes on adoption and on being good parents. After they have successfully completed all of these steps they can be approved to adopt.

3. How will I know how my child is doing in the future? At ARC we will stay in close contact with both the adoptive family and will obtain pictures and updates on your child from the adoptive family to share with you every few months in the early years and then once a year as the child gets older.

4. What if I want my child back? Adoption is not the same as foster care. In adoption you are making a permanent plan for your child to have a "forever family" - a permanent home. If you think you may want your child back one day this is one of the issues we should talk about in counseling to help you make the best plan. Maybe it will be adoption, maybe it won't be.

5. Are there really any families for my child - my child is not an infant. YES, there are loving, approved families for every child no matter what has happened during the pregnancy, or if the child is unexpectedly born with special needs, or if the child is placed for adoption at an older age. These parents receive extra training and support services to be equipped to parent these special children.

6. Do I have to tell the father of the child? Pennsylvania and New Jersey law gives fathers the same rights as mothers. This is another subject you can discuss more during your free counseling.

7. I am under 18 - do I have to tell my parents? This is a complicated question and the answer depends on who you live with and other things. You can talk about it with your counselor when she comes to see you.

8. What if I end up keeping my child - does ARC still help me? YES, we will continue to provide you with free counseling, support services and referrals to other services you may need to be successful as you parent your child.

Directions to Adoption ARC by Public Transportation

Phone 215-748-1441 / 1-800-884-4004

Adoption ARC is located at **4701 Pine Street** in West Philadelphia inside and apartment building known as Garden Court Plaza Apartments. We are on the 7th floor, at J-7 (make a right when you get off the elevator).

FROM NORTH PHILADELPHIA BY SUBWAY: Take the Broad Street Subway (Orange Line) South to City Hall. Go to Exit 4 for the Subway surface line (Green Line). Take the 34 via Baltimore Avenue. Get off at the corner of 47th and Baltimore. Make a right onto 47th Street and walk several blocks until you are at the corner of 47th and Pine. At the corner, make a left, and walk half-way down the block. You can't miss it.

FROM NORTH PHILADELPHIA BY BUS: Take the C Bus to City hall. Walk over to Walnut Street and get on the 21 Bus to 47th and Walnut and then get off and walk 3 blocks south to Pine Street. At the corner, make a right, and walk half-way down the block. You can't miss it.

FROM CENTER CITY BY BUS: You may also pick up the 42 bus in Center City and take that up Spruce Street, getting off at the corner of 47th and Spruce and then walking 1 block south to Pine Street.

FROM SOUTH PHILADELPHIA: Take the Broad Street Subway (orange line) North and follow the steps under North Philadelphia from the exit at City Hall.

FROM GERMANTOWN/MT. AIRY: Take the 23 Bus downtown and get off in Center City as close to City Hall as possible. Then repeat the same steps as under the North Philadelphia directions.

FROM WEST PHILADELPHIA: We are near the corner of 47th and Pine. Pine Street is located 5 blocks south of Market Street.

Please call us, if you need help with these directions.