

Information Packet



II. Adoption Circle's Mission Statement and Philosophy

Adoption Circle's philosophy is that all children have the right to love, security and nurturance; the foundation necessary to become a healthy, happy and productive adult. Adoption Circle realizes that this type of environment may not always be possible if a child remains with his or her family of birth. It is the Agency's belief that birthparents have the ultimate responsibility to make parenting decisions for their children. Adoption should be a parenting decision that birthparents make for their children after considering all of their options, free of pressure and coercion from all potential sources.

The primary focus of all of Adoption Circle's programs is to assist in adoption planning and the placement of newborn and young children. Adoption Circle will effectuate its philosophy and purpose by providing professional counseling for birthparents and adoptive parents contemplating an adoption plan.

Adoption Circle believes that if adoption is the choice for children and their parents, it should be facilitated by professionals who realize that adoption is a life-long process. Adoption Circle accepts this responsibility and Adoption Circle's policies reflect a commitment to the needs and best interest of the children of today, the adults of tomorrow.

Adoption Circle is committed to providing all parties to an adoption (birthparents, adoptive parents and adopted persons) with the support necessary to make the best possible decision for a child. The Agency maintains a staff of highly trained, **state certified adoption assessors**, who are available to perform adoption services including birthparent assessments and adoptive homestudies throughout Ohio. Adoption Circle may also provide adoption services to United States citizens in compliance with the Interstate Compact Rules and Regulations.

Adoption Circle shall be an Agency of advocacy for all its clients. The Agency believes it is important for all parties to be actively involved in designing their adoption plan. Adoption Circle will always attempt to meet the needs of its clients so long as facilitating the designed adoption plan is in full compliance with Ohio law and the Agency's license as a private child placement agency. Adoption Circle provides its services in full accordance with Federal and State Law including the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act as amended.