

The National Center for Adoption



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Promoting adoption as a positive parenting option

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Find Family Members

The National Center for Adoption has added new, state-by-state information regarding how to find family members separated by adoption.



For adoptions that occurred within the United States, family members may be located in 2 ways:

- ☞ Individuals may contact the agency that performed the adoption
- ☞ Individuals may request information from the state human services department in which they were adopted.

Many states now allow individuals to request their original birth certificates without the need for a court order. To find state-by-state information, visit <http://thenationalcenterforadoption.org/find-family-members/>.

How Can You Help?

- ☞ Like us on Facebook
- ☞ Ask others to visit our website/Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
- ☞ Distribute brochures to physicians' offices, family planning clinics, schools
- ☞ Talk about it; celebrate birth parents who chose to make an adoption plan
- ☞ Participate with our walk/run in November (date to be announced later)
- ☞ Donate time and money to create educational video, pay for website hosting, and brochures



Send Us Your Photos!

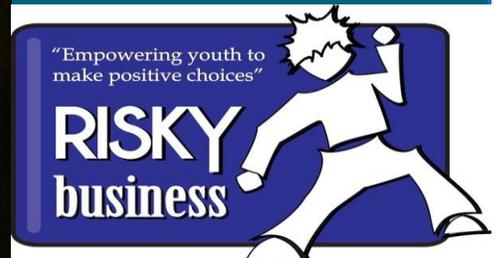
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Dr. Baltimore is shown with Caitlynn and Tyler, stars from the TV show, *Teen Mom*. Caitlynn and Tyler are the only teens who made an adoption plan for their baby and they are the only couple still together from *Teen Mom*. Caitlynn and Tyler spoke to a group of ISU students to promote adoption as a positive parenting option.



Upcoming Events

Dr. Baltimore will be giving a presentation at the Risky Business Conference on April 22. Her presentation is titled "Baby Momma/Daddy Drama. What Options are Available for Teens and How Can You Help?" The session will have participants examine how to partner with youth experiencing teen pregnancy and the option of making an adoption plan. A teen who made an adoption plan will discuss her decisions and the process. All participants will have the opportunity to win prizes and will take home resources.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 22nd

For more information about the conference, visit:

http://www.yss.ames.ia.us/en/events/risky_business/conference_information/

Out and About

Dr. Baltimore has made presentations about The National Center for Adoption at the Boone Noon Kiwanis, Boone Rotary, and Boone Morning Kiwanis. Kay Puttock, host of KHOI FM's "Local Talk" program, also interviewed her. If you would like Dr. Baltimore, or another representative to speak to your group, please email us at info@thenationalcenterforadoption.org.



Accurate Adoption Terminology

Accurate Language

- ☞ Birthparent; first parent
- ☞ My child
- ☞ Making an adoption plan
- ☞ Finding a family to parent your child
- ☞ Deciding to parent your child
- ☞ To parent
- ☞ Child in need of a family
- ☞ Parent
- ☞ International or Intercountry adoption

Inaccurate Language

- ☞ Real parent; natural parent
- ☞ Adopted child; own child
- ☞ Giving away; giving up your child
- ☞ Putting your child up for adoption
- ☞ Keeping your baby
- ☞ To keep
- ☞ Adoptable child; available child
- ☞ Adoptive parent
- ☞ Foreign adoption; foreign child

It is important to use accurate adoption language in order to stop the spread of misconceptions and to educate others about adoption.

To learn more about general terms, levels of openness, and adoption types, please visit:
<http://thenationalcenterforadoption.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Adoption-Terminology-flyer-1.pdf>.

