



Questions for
Adoption Agencies

Starting the Adoption Process

Starting the adoption process can be exciting, full of hope and expectation. Intermixed with the positive emotions is the realization that this is uncharted territory and that there is more unknown than known by you.

Compiled in the following pages is a list of questions for you to use to interview prospective adoption agencies. We suggest that you do thorough research into your local adoption agencies, consultants or lawyers.

Prior to you signing any document with any agency, we suggest that you feel
1) comfortable, having all of your questions answered, and 2) safe, allowing them to usher you into parenthood.

**"Adopted" is a
past-tense
verb, not an
adjective."**

-Russell Moore



Questions

Are you an accredited agency?

What is the history of this agency?

How many states do you serve?

Are there any adoptive parents you have served that we can speak with?

How do you vet potential adoptive parents?

What types of trainings do you provide adopting parents?

Can you tell me what to expect from start to finish?

How many successful placements have you had?

How many successful placements have you had this year?

How many failed placements have you had this year?

On average, what percent of placements fall through?

How many waiting parents are still waiting for placement?

Do you expect parents to have open or closed adoptions?

How is our family different than others on the waiting list?

How many birth mothers are currently waiting to be matched?

What support does your agency offer birth mothers?

Are there any cultural, ethnic or religious limitations with the agency?

What is the average wait time for an adoptive parent?

Who decides placement?

Can you provide me a fee schedule?

Can we adopt multiples?

Will we have a specific contact person with your agency?

For how long is our homestudy approved?

Do you have a social media group or support group we can join?

How frequently should we expect to hear from the agency while we wait?

What type of social/medical history is provided for the baby?

What contact should we expect with birth mom prior to birth?

What makes this agency better than others in the area?

Once the baby comes home, how will you follow-up with us?

How long after birth would the adoption be finalized?

If we decide to use your agency, how quickly can we begin?

What happens if we have to say no to a placement?

What happens if we become pregnant in the midst of our adoption process?

Is there anything else we should know?



Meet our Team

Tennessee Reproductive Therapy offers mental health support for individuals and couples during the life stages of infertility, pregnancy loss, pregnancy, postpartum and adoption



**CATHIE
THERAPIST
& OWNER**



**AMANDA
THERAPIST**



**LESLIE
MEDICATION
MANAGEMENT**



**WHITNEY
THERAPIST**

We believe that maternal and reproductive mental health matters and we are committed to helping you prepare for parenthood, regardless of where you are in your story.

We believe that the story of each individual is important and we are committed to welcoming every story, diversity, culture and background.

We are committed to creating accessibility to care, believing that that everyone deserves the best support.

We believe in women, honoring the beauty and individuality of your story.

We believe in relationships, supporting their complexities, fighting for your intimacy, and assisting you on your path to parenthood.

Tennessee Reproductive Therapy is committed to supporting you, journeying with you, and walking you into parenthood.

**Instagram + Facebook: @tennesseereproductivetherapy
www.tennesseeproductivetherapy.com
(615) 861-9706**