



Understanding Infant Adoption 7 Handout

Questions for Healthcare Practitioners to Ask Adoption Agencies and/or Attorneys

- Are you licensed to provide adoption services in this state?
- Do you work with unlicensed adoption providers?
- What services do you offer to expectant parents who are considering adoption? Do you offer interim (cradle) care?
- What measures do you take to ensure that expectant parents are aware of their pregnancy options?
- What measures do you take to ensure that expectant parents considering adoption have considered their extended family members as a placement resource?
- What degrees of openness are available for patients who desire an open adoption?
- Will the patient have a written open adoption agreement?
- How will you ensure that the patient has a wide range of prospective adoptive families to choose from?
- Will the patient have an opportunity to meet the prospective adoptive family in person before making a decision?
- Will the patient be eligible to receive financial assistance during and after her pregnancy?
- What other support resources are you able to provide? Do you partner with any community-based organizations that offer relevant support services?
- Will you provide therapeutic counseling for the patient during and after her pregnancy?
- Will the patient have access to separate legal representation at no cost to her?
- How do you address the healthcare needs of your clients during and after the pregnancy?
- What is your fee structure for families hoping to adopt?

About the Adoption-Sensitive Clinical Care Project

It is critical that expectant parents who may wish to place a child for adoption have access to appropriately trained staff and comprehensive supports throughout the adoption process. The federally-funded Adoption-Sensitive Clinical Care Project and the Understanding Infant Adoption curriculum are being administered by [National Council For Adoption \(NCFA\)](#), [The Adoption & Foster Care Clinic](#), [Spaulding for Children](#), and [University of Washington School of Social Work](#) for the project period 2024-2026.

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