



**Leicestershire  
County Council**

# Birth Parent Support

**Independent & confidential support  
for the birth parents of children  
whose plan is adoption.**



The independent support worker for birth parents is based in the Post Adoption Team. This means that they are **NOT** involved in court proceedings relating to the adoption of your child.

## What we do

- We offer birth parents a safe place to talk about what adoption means for you and your child/ren.
- We will listen to your feelings about adoption face to face.

## What we don't do

- We cannot change the plan for your child, or stop the adoption.
- We cannot represent you in court.
- We cannot keep information confidential if it relates to current or past concerns about the safety of your child/ren.

## **We can offer up to six sessions that focus on**

- Helping you understand the legal process for your child.
- Giving you general information about the recruitment, training and assessment of adopters.
- Explaining the process of matching your child with their adopters and how they will be introduced and placed.
- Helping you to understand the importance of sharing information, about you and your child's history. This information will help your children now and in the future.
- Helping you to understand the post-box system.

If you feel this service may help you, speak to the Social worker for your child who will make a referral on your behalf. Once this has been done a Support Worker will contact you to arrange a suitable time and place to meet.



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**or email**

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