

Understanding Open Embryo Adoption Relationships

The term *'Open Adoption'* can cause anxiety

Why?

Unfortunately, there are misconceptions about what an open adoption relationship really is. The reality is that openness in adoption benefits all of the people involved, but it primarily benefits your adopted child – and isn't it your role as a parent to cultivate your child's success?

STEP 1

Introducing Your Family

- Both donating and adopting families create a family profile, which includes:
- An introduction of your family
 - Photographs – the more the merrier
 - Why you are choosing to donate/adopt

STEP 2

Getting Matched



Both families provide preferences for matching



The donor reviews the adopting family profile



If accepted, the adopting family reviews the donor profile



When the adopting family accepts the donor family's profile, the match is finalized

STEP 3

Choosing a Communication Plan



Agency Mediated

All contact between donating and adopting families is done through the adoption agency



Direct Contact

Families communicate directly through communication channels, such as email, phone, or Skype



Social Media

Some families choose to connect on social media, like Facebook, which allows for less direct contact, but leaves it open as an option



In-Person

Families meet face-to-face and may even choose to vacation together

Understanding the particulars of the program you choose for your adoption journey is important.

A little research may go a long way in helping to ease your fears!

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