

# Adoption Intervention

If DCF has taken away your child, you have choices...



## What is an Adoption Intervention?

A Florida law which allows parents to place their child for adoption with a private adoption agency, even if the child is under jurisdiction of the juvenile dependency court and in foster care as long as no final judgment of termination of parental rights has been entered. This means that if Florida Department of Children and Families DCF has taken away your child, as long as your parental rights have not been terminated, you can still choose adoption for you child!

**If DCF is involved in your family, call our adoption experts to discuss your options**



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## Why Choose Adoption?

Sometimes, parents facing a termination of parental rights action by the DCF are not aware that they can still have a voice in determining where and when their child may be placed for adoption.

Intervention allows a parent to regain a sense of control over her child, participate in the selection of a prospective adoptive family, and have the comfort of knowing that the child will be placed quickly into a loving home, a forever home!

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*Life doesn't always go  
as planned.  
Adoption is an option!*

## What is DCF

DCF, otherwise known as Department of Children and Families, is a Florida organization that provides essential social services for children and families, including counseling, assessments, and consultations. In the context of adoption, they are in charge of the state's foster care system.

## Why might DCF take my child?

There are different reasons DCF might intervene and place your child in the foster care system such as abuse of any kind or child neglect. DCF will intervene if it appears the child is not being taken care of properly, if the parent is suffering from addiction, is imprisoned, or cannot properly care for the child.

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Adoption can be an option. As long as the birth mother still has her parental rights, she can consider placing her child for adoption through a private adoption agency. This process is called **adoption intervention** and has many benefits for both the parents and the child.

## What is Private Adoption?

Using private adoption agencies, like **Adoption Choices of Florida**, birth parents play an active role in the adoption process. In general, you can communicate and possibly meet the adoptive parents.

This allows birth parents to build a relationship with the adoptive parents.

## Private Adoption Benefits:

- Maintaining **a sense of control** over your child's future by participating in the adoptive family selection process
- Having the choice to **maintain ongoing communication** with the adoptive parents and the child, if/when appropriate
- Peace of mind knowing your child is going to a **loving family** in a more secure and efficient manner

## Types of Private Adoption:

1. Open-arrangement involving most frequent level of communication, ranging from regular exchange of letters and photos to visitations.
2. Semi-Open-less frequent/direct communication, minimal contact.
3. Closed-confidential or private arrangement. No contact between birth parents and the adoptive family.



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