



**EMBRYO
ADOPTION**

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EMBRYO ADOPTION PROGRAM INFORMATION

ADOPTION CHOICE, INC. can help facilitate an embryo adoption and will work with agencies located across the country. However, we currently maintain a partnership with Nightlight Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program. Snowflakes has offices located in California, Colorado, South Carolina, and Kentucky.

When families have leftover frozen embryos that they do not plan to transfer, they have the opportunity to donate them to prospective adoptive parents. This process is different from embryo donation in that the adoptive family and the genetic family have a chance to have a relationship with one another and the adoptive family will have access to their child's history.

This type of adoption is best suited to families whose infertility does not allow them to create their own genetic families or couples who want to build their family through adoption and be able to experience pregnancy and control the pre-natal environment of their child.

Although embryo adoption is a great way to experience an open adoption and have the opportunity to maintain a relationship between your child and their genetic parents or biological siblings, not all embryo adoptions are open. Whether a family would like more or less contact, the agency will match them with a donation family that has similar wishes.

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STEPS IN THE PROCESS

The prospective adoptive family must obtain an embryo adoption home study. The family will apply to the embryo adoption agency. The family will create a "family profile" which includes photos of your family. This profile will be shown to genetic families and the genetic families will choose the adoptive family they wish to donate their embryos to. Once the adoptive family is matched, their adopted embryos will have a shipment date and they will be shipped to the family's chosen fertility clinic for transfer. If the transfer is successful and it results in a birth, the family will complete one post adoption visit within six weeks of birth.

LEGALITY OF EMBRYO ADOPTION

There are no states that currently have laws governing embryo adoption. The current position of the courts is that embryos are considered to be property. The genetic parents terminate their legal rights to the frozen embryos prior to the embryo being transferred into the adoptive mother. When the contract is signed the adoptive family becomes the legal owner of the embryos. The adoption agreement and relinquishment forms are legal contracts between genetic and adoptive families. As we cannot give families legal advice, it is advisable to speak with an attorney regarding additional legal questions or concerns.

PROGRAM FEES

Our embryo adoption fee is **\$3,000**. This includes the agency's application fee, home study fee, and one post adoption visit. A home visit is required during the home study process as well as the required post adoption visit. There is a fee of **55.5 cents** per mile for travel and **\$50.00** per hour of travel time.

ADDITIONAL COSTS will include the embryo adoption agency's program fee, fertility clinic transfer fee, and any medical expenses you may acquire.