



OA&FS adoptive parents Adam and Samantha with son Quinn. (Photo by Amy Close Photography.)

Become adoption-ready with Open Adoption & Family Services.



OA&FS adoptee Mateo.

with an agency in which you feel at home, a high-integrity agency you can trust as you begin the journey of building your family.

Welcome to Open Adoption & Family Services! We're dedicated to providing open adoption services that reflect our values of inclusion, compassion and authenticity. We bring an empowerment model to our clients that honors their need for transparent information, connection and lifelong services. We specialize in assisting our clients to create healthy long-term open adoption relationships that address the ongoing needs of the child.

Inside is your map to adoption. With this, you'll learn what the steps are to adopt via OA&FS and how we help and guide you all along the way. Our included fee sheets give you an idea of costs.

At OA&FS, we've learned that adoptive parents, birthparents and open adoptees are really seeking an open adoption in which they feel at home: they are welcomed, accepted and honored. We believe this begins by working

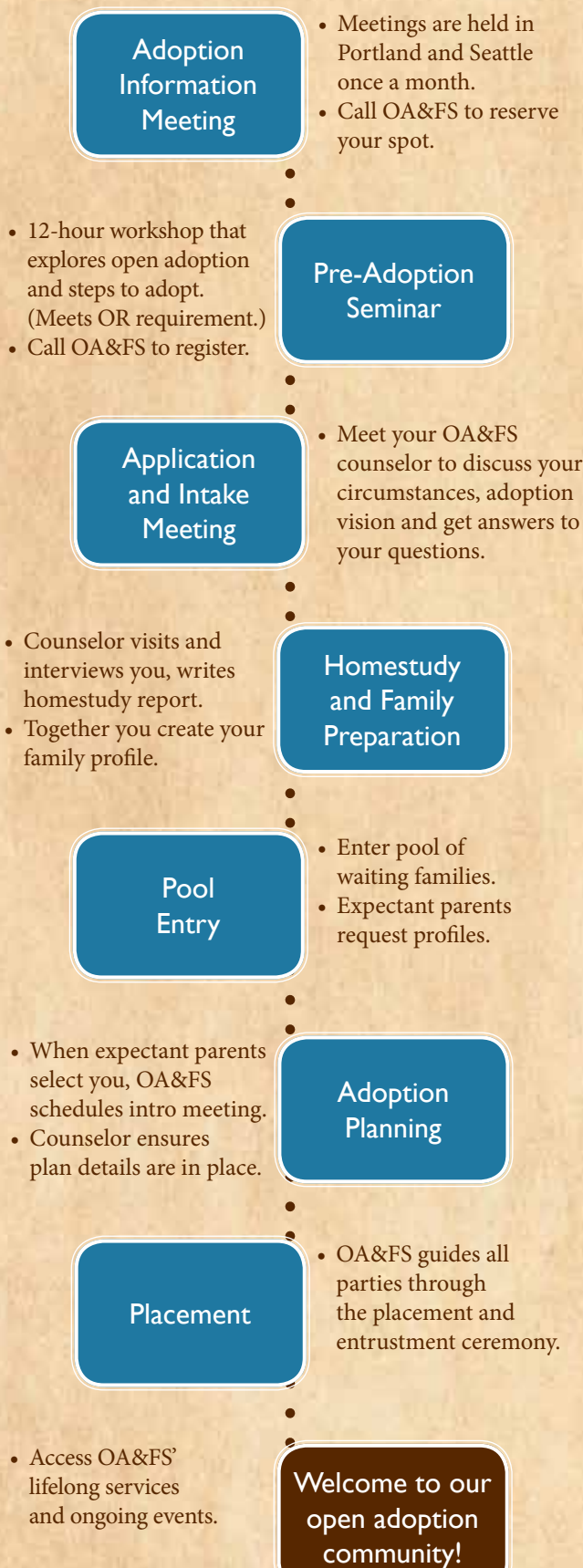


OA&FS adoptee Corazón.

Warm Regards,

Shari Levine
Executive Director

OA&FS will guide you at every stage of your adoption journey.



OA&FS adoptive parents Mike and Jen with son Luke and birthmother Kelsey (center).

We're a non-profit agency with a progressive approach to building healthy families.

Open Adoption & Family Services is a nonprofit, private adoption agency that completes the most infant domestic placements in the Northwest. We're a pro-choice agency that welcomes diversity. Our fully open adoptions include ongoing visits and lifelong services. We have a proven track record of facilitating successful open adoptions and working with expectant parents in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Our process and mission are truly unique.

OA&FS at a glance:

- We're dedicated to promoting reproductive choices.
- We offer free all-options pregnancy counseling to women and couples.
- We welcome diversity.
- We support our clients with lifelong services.
- We've been operating since 1985, and are the first and only agency in the Pacific Northwest founded on the philosophy of openness in adoption.
- Our agency is licensed in Oregon and Washington, with offices in Portland, Eugene and Seattle.
- We work with expectant and adoptive parents throughout the entire United States.
- Learn 15 reasons to choose OA&FS.

What should you ask when comparing adoption services?

Agencies, lawyers and facilitators all approach adoption differently. You'll want to know facts such as average wait times, average age of child at placement, how many expectant parents made contact in last year, years of open adoption experience and more. Visit our website for a comprehensive list of questions.

You're invited to attend our free adoption information meeting.

Learn more about our philosophy and hear an overview of the agency's process. Contact OA&FS to attend an optional, no-cost Adoption Information Meeting: 1-800-772-1115 or info@openadopt.org. Meetings are held monthly in Portland, Eugene and Seattle.



Take the mystery out of the adoption process. Come to our free adoption information meeting.

If you live outside of the Northwest or are unable to come in person, we're happy to set up a conference call to answer your questions.

If OA&FS is already your choice, start with the pre-adoption seminar.

These comprehensive workshops provide valuable learning about the specifics of open adoption including:

- Why Open Adoptions Work
- How to Cultivate a Culture of Openness
- Handling Grief and Loss
- Steps to Adopt
- Screening Processes
- Legal Issues
- Attachment
- Adopted Child Development

You'll also hear first-hand accounts of living open adoption from birthparents and adoptive parents. Each seminar is 12 hours, spans two days and meets the educational requirements for adoptive parents in Oregon. **To sign up contact Client Services Manager Lori Maas at 1-800-772-1115, lori@openadopt.org.** Seminars are held in our Portland and Seattle offices and fill up quickly!



OA&FS adoptive parents Sarah and Amy, (l-r), with daughter Jane.

Get detailed information, watch videos and more at [our website](#).

- [Our Philosophy](#)
- [How OA&FS is Unique](#)
- [Adoptive Parents Overview](#)
- [Gay and Lesbian Adoptive Parents](#)
- [Steps to Adopt](#)
- [FAQ for Adoptive Parents](#)
- [Open Adoption Stories and Videos](#)

"Before, open adoption seemed a bit scary. After reviewing the OA&FS website, attending an information session and the agency's two-day open adoption preparedness seminar for prospective adoptive parents, open adoption really seems like the best option. Compared to other agencies we explored, OA&FS has the best philosophies around openness."

- OA&FS Seminar Attendee





All-options pregnancy counseling is at the heart of our program.

When an expectant parent or couple contacts OA&FS, we take the time to fully explore all aspects of their unique situation, gather pertinent info and provide them with all-options counseling in which they can explore parenting, abortion and adoption.



This counseling is free, confidential and nonjudgemental. We're here to provide support and unbiased information in a safe environment as they choose what feels best to them.

Get the peace of mind that comes from working with an experienced agency.

By working with a highly-regarded licensed agency, you can be assured you are in safe hands. Our services are all-inclusive, so you aren't faced with coordinating the details of your adoption on your own. By working with OA&FS, you're benefiting from our decades of expertise as the agency that completes the most domestic infant adoptions in the Northwest.

Our business practices are as open and transparent as our adoptions. The enclosed schedules detail costs of adopting through OA&FS. **For financial questions please contact our Fiscal Manager, Cindy Lee, cindy@openadopt.org.**

Dedicated professionals are here to help you.

At OA&FS your adoption will be handled by highly qualified, experienced and compassionate counselors.



Counselors Kate, Sari and Katie, (l-r).

Our staff roster brims with master's degrees in social work, counseling and marriage and family therapy. Many OA&FS counselors are also Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

Most importantly, all of our staff cares deeply about the needs of the clients we serve.

What is open adoption?

In an open adoption, birthparents select adoptive parents with whom they want to place their child. The adoptive parents and birthparents choose the level of contact and openness they prefer. They create a legally enforceable adoption agreement that outlines ongoing contact and communication.



OA&FS adoptive mom Michele with daughter Carly and birthmom Joanna. (r-l).

Ongoing contact provides birthparents reassurance that the child is thriving in the adoptive home. This helps them feel at peace with their decision. Knowing that the birthparents fully support the adoption, the adoptive parents feel secure in welcoming the birthparents into their lives.

Open adoption relationships are built on a foundation of mutual respect. In an open adoption, adoptive parents and birthparents value one another's unique role in the child's life. By witnessing this relationship, the child feels an unconditional acceptance of his full identity, plus direct access to information about his history and answers to his questions. This allows for healthy development of the child's identity and self-esteem.



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