



## A Love Beyond Borders

Providing adoption services to birth parents and adoptive parents in Colorado and throughout the US.

# Domestic Adoption Program 2010



**What is Domestic Adoption?** Domestic adoption means adopting a child born and adopted inside the boundaries of the United States. This can be adoption of a newborn or adoption of an older child. A Love Beyond Borders' (LBB) domestic program focus is private infant adoption. Prospective adoptive applicants desiring to adopt a special needs child or older child/ren should contact their county's social services department to inquire about the foster to adopt program.

The fact that more than 25,000 American families successfully adopt newborn babies in the United States every year belies the widespread misperception that domestic adoption is a difficult, time-consuming, expensive, and risky process. The truth is that most families successfully adopt within 15-24 months of beginning the process with A Love Beyond Borders.

#### **Why choose domestic adoption?**

- ❖ Newborn infants of every race are available.
- ❖ Less travel is generally involved in domestic adoptions than international, especially if you're adopting in-state. A brief stay of a few days to a few weeks may be required when adopting a child in another state.
- ❖ Medical and social history records are available.
- ❖ Prenatal care is available
- ❖ Better access for the adoptee to birth records and easier access to biological relatives in his/her adulthood.
- ❖ Both open, semi-open, and closed adoptions are available, although the majority of families prefer semi-open adoption.
- ❖ Adoptive parents and birth parents usually have an opportunity to meet each other prior to the birth of the child.
- ❖ Fees are highly competitive and most domestic adoptions cost less than many international adoptions.

## Why Choose A Love Beyond Borders?

- As a child placement agency, LBB is monitored for compliance with the State of Colorado's Division of Childcare regulations and processes for birth parents and adoptive parents.
- The level of our experience greatly exceeds that of adoptive parents acting on their own, and frequently exceeds attorneys who devote only a small portion of their practice to adoption.
- LBB retains an attorney who specializes in adoption so all court filings for relinquishment (birth parent) and adoption (adoptive parent) are done correctly and legally.
- Our friendly and professional staff are experienced and most are adoptive parents and have walked in your shoes. We will support you throughout the process, regardless of easy or challenging the journey may become.
- Our national advertising of your adoptive parent profile to birth moms broadens your ability to be matched quicker.



*“Meeting our child’s birth family gave us information to share with our child at the appropriate time and allowed the birth family to get to know us and feel reassured about the decision they had made.” —  
adoptive parent*



**Risks of private adoption:** Probably the most intensely felt fear of adoptive parents is that the birthmother will make an adoption plan—and then flip-flop and decide to raise the child herself. Although this is a prevailing fear of adoptive parents, statistically very few birthmothers change their minds about adoption after the baby is placed with a family.

**Waiting Time:** Although most families complete a domestic adoption within 12-18 months, keep in mind that specific circumstances (age, profession, location, religion, marital status and ethnicity of child desired) may result in a wait that's on the longer side. Naturally, this time can be minimized or extended by the requirements of the adoptive family, or the needs of the birth mother. Our contract for adoption services is valid for an extended time – 24 months – ensuring the vast majority of adoptive parents are matched or complete their adoption during this timeline without having to pay contract extension fees.

**Birth Mother location:** Perhaps the single most difficult thing about adopting domestically today being available and known to birth mother who is considering adoption. With the easy availability of birth control, the search for a birth mother who is considering adoption is taking longer and is more expensive than ever. It is more important than ever that LBB reach potential birth mothers on a large scale through advertising efforts in many geographic areas, thus A Love Beyond Borders works with birth mothers and adoptive parents nationwide.

### **Adoption Fees Paid to LBB:**

**\$200** Preliminary Application fee

**\$14,700** Adoption Services Fee

**\$1900** Home Study for Colorado residents (out of state residents must pay for this service in your state)

**\$900** Post Placement Services for Colorado residents (out of state residents must pay for this service in your state)

**Additional Fees\*\* paid to LBB when matched with a Colorado Birth Mom:**

**\$5,000** Birth parent counseling and relinquishment services

**\$1,000** Finalization of adoption if in Colorado

*\*\*You should expect to pay for similar birth mother services in the state in which the birth mother lives and delivers and relinquishes the baby. Fees for other agency/attorney typically range from \$4,000-7,000 and will vary by state and required services.*

**Please contact us at 303.333.1572 for additional information, a complete fee schedule, or to submit your preliminary application for consideration into our program.**