

# CRISIS PREGNANCY COUNSELING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What's special about Crisis Pregnancy Counseling at Buckner?

It's free; it's Christ-centered; and its hotline is available 24 hours a day. Our licensed professional counselors help each client to explore their options – both parenting and adoption. If our clients choose to pursue adoption, they are given the opportunity to participate in a fully open adoption. Buckner practices open adoption with its clients – which means the birth family chooses the adoptive family and together they create a plan for openness for the life of the child.

## How does Buckner define adoption?

Buckner believes truly open adoption involves four components:

- Birthparents select the adoptive family.
- Birth and adoptive families meet each other face-to-face.
- Families exchange identifying information.
- Families establish a significant ongoing relationship.

## Can I refer a client for Crisis Pregnancy Counseling who is undecided about adoption?

A woman does not need to be sure that adoption is the plan in order to benefit from the services that Buckner provides.

The best way to make any kind of parenting plan is with counseling, guidance and education. Buckner provides these services free of charge to any woman who is pregnant and considering her options.

Many of the women that Buckner counsels decide to parent and are better prepared for the realities that come along with that decision because of their commitment to fully explore their options.

## What services does Buckner provide to its birth mothers?

Recognizing that adoption is a lifelong journey, Buckner provides free ongoing counseling to birth families for as long as needed. This includes a support group for expectant clients, birth parents and their families on a quarterly basis. Buckner is also able to assist with maternity and housing needs for pregnant clients. Our clients are always given the opportunity to select the adoptive family for their child.



## If the pregnant woman is a minor, does she have to tell her parents?

No matter how young the mother is, she has the legal right to decide whether to parent her child or to make an adoption plan. A Buckner counselor can talk with a young woman about ways to approach her parents and help her do so when she's ready.

Buckner cannot initiate a phone call for crisis pregnancy counseling. But you can have someone call Buckner from your office or provide them with our 24-hour emergency hotline phone number. Buckner also provides online counseling services via Live Chat at [www.beafamily.org](http://www.beafamily.org).

**Crisis Pregnancy 24-Hour Hotline  
1-800-441-2670**

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