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Fact Sheet Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Services

Hours of Service

La Familia's office hours are 8am to 6pm, Monday through Friday. However, a staff person is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Families and birth parents that are working with La Familia will be given the 24-hour pager number upon intake.

Program Description

Pregnancy Counseling is an options based counseling program that assists pregnant women and their families examine every option available to them in regard to their pregnancy. La Familia serves women and their partners who are experiencing an unexpected or unplanned pregnancy. During options counseling, available resources are discussed and explored in order to allow the client to make the best possible plan for themselves and their children. The Pregnancy Counseling program helps women locate and access resources for clothing, food housing, transportation, legal representation and medical care.

Adoption Services is a program that assists women and their families in creating an adoption plan that best suits the individual needs of the woman and child. La Familia also completes pre-placement studies for prospective adoptive families and will assist the family matching with a birth family. La Familia conducts post-placement supervision for the adoptive families after a child is placed in the home.

Eligibility

Birth parents are eligible for La Familia's services regardless of age, race, religion, sexual orientation or income. The Pregnancy Counseling program is open to any woman and her partner who are experiencing an unplanned or problematic pregnancy. Services are available to single or married parents, including adolescents and are not restricted on the basis of the parent's decision to carry the child to term, parent the child, place for adoption or otherwise transfer custody.

Adoptive families are eligible for La Familia's services if they meet the following criteria:

*The adopting parents must be at least 18 years old.

*The primary relationship must be stable. Emotional stability must be clearly demonstrated.

*No one in the adopting household can have a criminal conviction for child abuse, neglect or abandonment.

*No family who refuses to cooperate with the home study requirements will be approved

*Evidence of financial responsibility must be clearly shown by paying fees for services when billed.

Fees

There is never a charge to birth parents. They are never responsible for the repayment of any counseling expense regardless of their decisions.

Criteria for Discharge

Birth parents working with La Familia can discontinue services at any time. Adoptive families can also discontinue the arrangement unless a child has been placed in the adoptive home pending finalization. La Familia will provide services to birth parents indefinitely. Services to adoptive families are terminated when the Court grants a Final Decree of Adoption. However, we are available for continuing assistance and referral at the family's request. La Familia will decide to discontinue services to an adoptive family if the agency has reason to believe that the family is being dishonest, or is not a safe, suitable home for a child. If services are discontinued, referrals are available upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Tode, Amy Hayes, or Megan Walsh at (505) 766-9361.