

IDEAS FOR ADOPTION SPEAKERS

IDEAS FOR AN ADOPTED CHILD TO SHARE

1. Tell your adoption story:
your adoptive parents' situation, how old you were, the situation of your biological parents, was there an agency involved, how long did your adoptive parents have to wait before the adoption was finalized?
2. Do you remember the adoption of any of your brothers and sisters?
3. How did your parents tell you that you were adopted? At what age? Do you feel this was good or bad?
4. When did you or your friends realize you were adopted, rather than a biological child in your family? How did you deal with these emotions?
5. Do you or have you ever wanted to find your biological parents?
6. What, if anything, would you like to know about your biological parents?
7. How do you feel about the laws and procedures governing adoption?
8. Would you ever consider adopting a child?
9. Would you ever consider giving up a child for adoption?
10. If your son or daughter were faced with an unwanted pregnancy, how would you advise him/her? Why?
11. Would you consider keeping your grandchild in the above situation?

A COUPLE WHO HAS ADOPTED A CHILD:

1. What were your circumstances when you decided to adopt a child?
2. How much did it cost you to adopt your child?
3. Did you use a service or a lawyer to set up your adoption? What procedures did you have to follow?
4. Did you ever meet the biological mother of your child?
5. How long did it take to get a child?
6. How long did it take for the adoption to be finalized?
7. Did you have other children before this adoption? If so, how did they feel about the adoption?
8. When will you tell your child that he/she is adopted?
9. Did you make any specific requests regarding your adoptive child?
10. Would you adopt another child? Why or why not?

A PERSON WHO HAS PLACED A BABY FOR ADOPTION:

1. What were the circumstances that made you decide to have your child adopted?
2. Whom did you talk to about this decision? How did they counsel you?
3. Did you use an agency or a lawyer to set up your adoption?
4. What procedures did you follow in setting up the adoption of your child?
5. How much money did you get for the adoption of your baby, including money to assist you in a healthy delivery?
6. What were your greatest concerns for your baby's future?
7. How did you feel after you gave birth to your baby?
8. Did you see your baby after he/she was born? How often and for how long?
9. Did you ever meet the people who were adopting your baby? If so, what were they like? How did you feel about them?
10. How quickly after the birth of your baby was he/she adopted?
11. Will you have any future contact with your baby? Why or why not?