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Through The Baby Fold, there is hope and healing for those looking for the missing piece of their puzzle of self.



The Baby Fold regards adoption as a process having a lifelong impact on everyone involved.

Post Legal Adoption Services are provided to:

- the **adopted individual**
- the **birth family**
- the **adoptive family**

after the legal completion of the adoption.

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## OUR MISSION:

*The Baby Fold embodies Christian principles to serve children and families and help them build safe, loving and healthy environments.*

To request services, please contact us and ask to speak to a Post Legal Adoption Specialist at:



**The Baby Fold**  
612 Oglesby Avenue  
Normal, Illinois 61761  
(309) 454-1770  
[www.thebabyfold.org](http://www.thebabyfold.org)

The Baby Fold is a not for profit private agency, licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The Baby Fold is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and EAGLE, and affiliated with the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. We serve all races, nationalities, and creeds.

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# Post Legal Adoption Program



Has your life or the life of someone you love been touched by adoption?



This program offered by  
The Baby Fold

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## Individual & Family Counseling

Individual, couples, and family counseling is provided for any person or persons whose life has been touched by adoption. Counseling referrals are not exclusive to clients whose adoption was facilitated by The Baby Fold.

Therapeutic services may include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Grief and Loss
- ◆ Implications of a search
- ◆ Expectations
- ◆ Identity issues
- ◆ Relationship building skills
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Anxiety
- ◆ Family issues including co-dependency, addictions, and abuse

Therapeutic services are provided by a Master's Level, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor with years of experience in the field of Adoption and Counseling.

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## Search

The Baby Fold will conduct a search related to any adoption facilitated by The Baby Fold on behalf of an adult adopted individual, adoptive parents on behalf of their adopted child, a birth parent, or a sibling of an adopted individual. Contact is facilitated between the parties involved after both have given informed consent for the exchange of identifying information. Counseling is provided related to motivation, expectations, and identity issues involved in a search. Consent from both adoptive parents is necessary prior to facilitating contact with or for an adopted individual under 21 years of age.



## Mediation

Exchange of letters, photographs, and gifts can occur between the adopted individual, adoptive families and birth families through The Baby Fold when parties do not have an open adoption.

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“When we come full circle in our lives and know all that there is to know about ourselves... When nature and nurture unite... We become whole... We heal in those places within us that are unspoken and unseen. Then we can truly see ourselves as a gift.”

-- Janellen Appel Holmes



## Fee Schedule for Post Legal Adoption Services

- ◆ Counseling fees are charged on a sliding fee schedule that ranges from \$7 to \$57 per hour.
  - ◆ There are no fees for mediation services.
  - ◆ Fees for search are based on a sliding fee schedule that ranges from \$50 to \$500.
  - ◆ No one is denied service based on an inability to pay.
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