



Through
First Coast Adoption Professionals
(FCAP),

adoptive parents and birthparents
are matched to create a loving placement
that fits the best interest of the child.



First Coast Adoption Professionals
has been facilitating adoptions since the
1950's, placing it's first baby in 1953.
We place approximately 70 children into
loving homes throughout the year.

We are a licensed child placing
agency in the states of Florida,
Connecticut, and New York and also
facilitate interstate adoptions.

Our reputation as a detail-oriented,
caring, child-placing agency has earned us
the respect of the Northeast Florida
community, licensing agencies and
law associations.



First Coast Adoption Professionals

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First Coast Adoption Professionals
is a division of
Jewish Family & Community Services.

*The mission of Jewish Family & Community
Services is to strengthen the entire community
by providing family and individual services,
without prejudice, in the Jewish tradition of
helping people help themselves.*



Adoption is a promise



Our promise to you



Your promise to the future





The Decision to Adopt

Adopting a child can be a wonderful fulfilling life experience. At the same time, it is a serious, long-term commitment that should be considered carefully. We hope

this brochure will provide a guide to the services and support available through FCAP, a caring, licensed child-placement agency with full legal representation.

Florida Families

- We work directly with adoptive parents coordinating complete and individual Adoption Plans.
- We provide birthparent counseling throughout the pregnancy as well as after placement.
- Document preparations and court appearances
- All professional services to finalize the adoption

Out-of-State Families

- Includes all services provided to Florida families listed above. In addition;
- All work and documentation needed to facilitate approval by the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children

Legal Services

SHORSTEIN & KELLY, P.A.

Michael Shorstein and Brian Kelly serve as the agency's legal counsel. They are members in good standing of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, a national organization that continues to study, promote, and improve the laws and practices pertaining to the adoption of children throughout the United States. Mr. Shorstein's practice is limited solely to adoption law

First Coast Adoption Professionals Description of Services

We coordinate the adoption of either placement through our agency or a personally identified child. Birth parent counseling, document preparation and court appearances necessary to terminate parental rights are implemented by our professionals culminating in the finalization and legal adopting of the infant or child.

Domestic Home Study

Each home study is conducted to meet the Florida Adoption Statues. This includes insuring the prospective adoptive family is physically healthy, financially stable and has a clear criminal and child abuse history. Background checks are completed, current physicals must be provided as well as financial documents, letters of reference, etc. A social worker reviews all of the required documentation prior to conducting the home visit.

At the time of the home visit the social worker will address relationships within the family, involvement with children, current employment as well as neighborhood and local resources. In addition adoption issues are discussed including the prospective adoptive parent's attitude about adopted children, respect for birth families and adoption education in general.

International Home Study

This home study must meet the same criteria as outlined above. In addition to state requirements, an international study must meet the requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the foreign country involved. International home studies usually require multiple visits prior to the final report being generated.

Personal Consultation Services

We offer individual consulting services to guide you through the process regardless of the adoption agency or attorney you choose to work with, our staff is dedicated to your becoming a family or adding to the size of your family. Our expertise will allow for a professional to personally counsel you throughout the process. If you are interested in this valuable service please call Kathleen Stevens, our adoption program director, for additional information.

How to begin

- Fill out and return the intital Adoption Application. You can find the application online at www.jfcsjax.org or call 904-394-5763.
- Once we receive your application and fee, we will send you an adoption packet. Please review, fill out all the pertinent information and return to us at: FCAP, 6261 Dupont Station Court E., Jacksonville, Florida 32217.
- We will arrange our first consultation with you, discuss your fee structure, set up your homestudy and help create your profile
- We will work together to fulfill a promise

Please see our updated fee schedule insert for the cost of services provided through First Coast Adoption Professionals.

