

Remember, abortion is forever—you cannot undo an abortion at a later date if you change your mind.



OPTION #3: ADOPTION

Many women in unplanned pregnancies choose to carry their babies to term and give them up for adoption. While this does require the mother to continue her pregnancy to full term, many support organizations and adoption agencies exist to help the mother throughout this time. Often, free medical care for both mother and baby as well as maternity needs are available. Many options concerning the make-up of the adoption process is available to the birth mother to choose from. You can find a plan that feels comfortable to you.

Some birth mothers choose to keep their baby once born, while others keep with their decision to adopt out. You have that option to change your mind.

Adoption can provide a lifetime of self-satisfaction and peace, knowing that you stuck out the pregnancy and delivered a beautiful child into the world.

And you can feel good about giving your baby's adoptive parents their dream of having a child.

If you need help making your decision, contact a pregnancy service organization listed on the back. They are free, confidential & truthful.

Pregnancy Services	Life Info./Referral	Government Assistance	Adoption Agencies	After Abortion Help
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✓				Birthcare—Ashtabula (440)998-1109
✓				New Life Maternity Care—Conneaut (440)593-2232
✓				Birthright—Mentor (440)255-5683
✓				Alternaterm—Willoughby (440)975-9336
✓				Hannah's Home—Mentor (440)209-9615
✓			✓	Women's Care Center—Erie, PA 1-877-836-7505
✓			✓	Ashtabula County Friends For Life (440)466-7441 www.AshCoFriendsForLife.org
✓			✓	Lake County Right To Life (440)255-5257
✓	✓	✓	✓	Catholic Charities—Ashtabula (440)992-2121
✓	✓	✓	✓	Catholic Charities Services—Lake Co. (440)352-6191, 964-7264
✓	✓	✓		Ohio W.I.C. (Women, Infants, & Children) 1-800-755-GROW (4769)
✓	✓	✓		Healthy Start (Health Insurance/Medicaid) Ashtabula County Dept. of Job & Family Services (440)998-1110
✓	✓	✓		Bethesda—The House of Mercy—Independence 1-800-482-4100
✓	✓	✓		Life Dynamics, Inc. (legal) 1-800-401-6494
✓	✓	✓		Legal Action For Women (legal) 1-800-U CAN SUE
✓	✓	✓		Carenet 1-800-395-HELP (4357)
✓	✓	✓		Fresh Start—Ashtabula 1-440-964-9483

Or look under "Abortion Alternatives" in your Yellow Pages.

For more information, log onto

www.AshCoFriendsForLife.org



Pregnant?



Your Choices

In America, pregnant girls and women have three legal options concerning their pregnancy. With each option comes points that you, the mother, need to consider in order to choose the right option for you.



OPTION #1: KEEP THE BABY

You may choose to keep and raise the baby yourself. This is a decision that needs to be weighed very heavily if you are not in a position to care for the demanding needs of a child. Yet this decision can be very fulfilling under the right circumstances. Often, what some people say are reasons why you shouldn't keep your baby (such as continuing education, career, financial instability or your relationship with the baby's father) are nothing more than small hurdles that you can conquer.



OPTION #2: ABORTION

Although abortion will rid yourself of a pregnancy that you do not desire, you need to consider some very important facts before you choose this option.

What Abortion Will Do To Your Baby:

Abortion proponents mask the fact that abortion will kill your baby. Abortion will stop your child's beating heart. Many abortions will cause tremendous pain to your unborn child. All abortion methods are gruesome in nature as the unborn child is dismembered, burned, or crushed to death in utero.

Sometimes the abortion fails to kill the unborn baby. This scenario causes the need to finish the killing either during a second abortion procedure, or after the baby's birth. Miraculously, babies do sometimes survive the abortion procedure and continue to live when given proper immediate medical care.



What Abortion May Do To You:

Abortion is a very risky procedure to the mother due to its very nature. In most procedures, the mother's womb must first be forced open unnaturally, posing risk of tearing. Secondly, the abortionist inserts the abortion instrument inside the vagina and into the uterus to reach the unborn child. This is done blindly, (meaning that the abortionist cannot see what he is doing), and is performed in a very unforgiving part of a woman's body. Not surprisingly, mistakes are often made causing perforations, bleeding, organ damage, infection, and the need for reparative surgery. These complications can be life-threatening. Women do die from abortion, even though it's legal. (You just won't hear about it on the news.)

Long-term effects include the inability to bear children at a later date due to damage of the reproductive system from the forceful entry and damage incurred during the abortion procedure.



Emotional trauma is also a common result of the decision to abort. Feelings of regret, horror, and/or betrayal may surface immediately or many months or years later. Many

organizations have been formed locally and nationally for women who are hurting after their abortions. These organizations are formed by women who have had abortions and experienced the pain that follows. Millions of American women are silently suffering as a result of abortion. Yet a select few continue to champion abortion as the key to freedom and happiness for women.

There are so many considerations that a woman faces when making a decision to abort that the abortion clinic will not discuss with you. Abortion clinics are in operation to make money from abortions. They will not discuss anything with you in any depth that may cause you to reconsider aborting. They will not show you an ultrasound image of your unborn baby. They will not discuss medically accurate facts on fetal development. They will not inform you of the risks or even the exact nature of the abortion procedure, nor will they seriously counsel you on other options available to you. Abortion is the only medical procedure in which the doctor is not legally required to release this information to the patient, even when specifically asked.



Sadly, in America, there are few legal recourses a woman injured by abortion can take. However, malpractice suits against dangerous abortionists are beginning to become more popular. Women injured by abortion are encouraged to contact a legal organization dedicated to acquiring malpractice compensation for these women.