



Client's Rights

As a client of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, Life Connections, pursuant to 12 CCR 2509-8, § 7.710.53, you have the right to:

1. Know the philosophy and religious affiliation of our agency.
2. Have all of the legal options related to a pregnancy presented in an unbiased manner.
3. Receive a written copy of our grievance procedure.
4. Be referred to helping organizations in the community if you decide to parent your child.
5. Terminate counseling with the agency and parent counselor at any time for any reason.

If you are considering adoption for your child, in addition to the above, you also have the right to:

6. Have all of the legal options related to relinquishment procedures presented in an accurate, competent, unbiased manner
7. Have a fair and balanced picture of adoption presented.
8. To make the decision related to the possible relinquishment of your child(ren) in an atmosphere free from coercion and undue pressure.
9. Know that you have the option, by law to change your decision about relinquishment and to choose to parent your child. Your decision can be changed at any time prior to the final order of relinquishment being signed by the court, unless otherwise limited by a court order if a court hearing is held. You have the right to withdraw an affidavit of expedited relinquishment at any time before an expedited relinquishment affidavit is filed with the court. The petition for relinquishment may not be filed until at least four (4) calendar days after the birth of the child.
10. To seek independent counsel on any issue related to the relinquishment of your child(ren), including the right to seek independent counseling for an expedited relinquishment procedure.
11. To receive a copy of any document signed by you, and to receive a copy of the original birth certificate
12. To receive in writing the process by which an expedited relinquishment affidavit is withdrawn, including a personal meeting with a representative of the agency and the signing of a statement of withdrawal which is witnessed and signed by an agency representative. A copy of the statement with original signatures will be provided to you.
13. In a designated adoption 1) to change your mind for any reason at any time prior to signing a release of parental rights in court; 2) have the right to request and review other Catholic Charities' prospective adoptive parent profiles for your consideration; and 3) have the right to select and place for adoption with a family of your choice if that is your wish.

I have read and understand my rights as a client of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado and have received a copy of those rights.

Client Signature

Date:

Counselor Signature

Date: