History

Adoption ARC Inc. was created in March, 1994 in response to the overwhelming number of babies born in the region without permanent homes.

Founder

Attorney Tara E. Gutterman has worked in both the private and public sectors in matters of family law since 1991. She has handled hundreds of child abuse and neglect cases, in addition to advocating for children's rights to permanent homes and families. Ms. Gutterman is a highly regarded member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. She has a vibrant law practice and speaks and consults across the country on issues pertaining to adoption law.

Adoption ARC

Adoption ARC, Inc. is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, New Jersey Licensing Bureau and the State of Delaware to provide adoption services to the Tri-State area and beyond. Adoption ARC is also fully Hague Accredited.

Mission

Adoption ARC's mission is to provide excellent service to birth families, children and adoptive families regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or disabling conditions by providing safe and permanent homes to children in need. Adoption ARC's staff is ethnically diverse and available 24 hour per day/7 days per week.

Getting to Adoption ARC

Take PATCO or New Jersey Transit to Center City Philadelphia. Then...

* take the westbound Route 42 bus on Walnut Street. In West Philadelphia, the Route 42 turns onto Spruce Street. Get off at 47th and Spruce, walk one block south to Pine and make a right. We are located at 4701 Pine Street, J-7, in the Garden Court Plaza.

* or take the Route 34 subway-surface trolley from City Hall and get off at 47th and Baltimore. Make a right at 47th and walk several blocks north to Pine Street.

To our Cherry Hill, NJ and Wilmington, Delaware Offices, please call for directions

4701 Pine Street, J-7
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Adoption ARC

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware Licensed

Birth Family Counseling

Free Confidential Services

www.adoptionarc.com
1-800-884-4004

Pregnant? Scared? Confused?

Adoption ARC can help!

Birth Family Counseling

Free and Confidential Counseling

...in your home or anywhere you choose

A sensitive, caring and experienced counselor will help you think through all of the difficult questions you face regarding adoption. You and the counselor will work together to come up with a plan that will be best for you and your baby.

Family Mediation

If there are conflicts between you and other family members, including your own parents, or the father of the baby, we will help you communicate and listen to one another, so that conflict resolution can be obtained

New Jersey
Torragon Office Center
811 Church Road
Suite 107
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Delaware
Silverside Carr Exec. Center
501 Silverside Road
Suite 89
Wilmington, DE 19809

Philadelphia
4701 Pine Street, J-7
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Referral for Prenatal Care

Adoption ARC will provide assistance in finding you prenatal care, making appointments, and arranging transportation to care facilities. We can also help you apply for medical assistance.

Parenting Preparation and Support

If your choice is to parent your baby, we will give you the support you need to be a successful parent by providing referrals to community resources.

Adoption ARC Staff

Merle Gutterman Parker, M.Ed, MS
Executive Director
Laura Hoffman, MSW, LCSW
Social Work Supervisor
Mary Kasper, MA
Adoption Coordinator
Jenna Perez, MSW, LSW
Birth Parent Counselor
Lissette Sanchez, BSW
Birth Parent Counselor
Zoe Chronis, MFA
Birth Parent Resource Manager

Call 1 (800) 884-4004
Fax (215) 842-9881

Referrals for Community Services

If you, or your family members need any other community services, we will help you find the services that are right for you in the areas of:

- Day Care
- GED
- Education
- Job Training
- Housing
- Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

Adoption Planning

If adoption is your choice, we will assist you every step of the way. We will help you understand the process and safeguard your legal rights. If you would like an open adoption, which includes meeting the adoptive parents, and on-going communication, we can assist you in having this type of placement.