

**REGARDLESS** of what you may be facing, Buckner Foster Care and Adoption is committed to walking alongside foster and adoptive families, the adopted person and birth families on this journey through post-adoption and counseling services.

Our licensed counselors can help provide parents with a deeper sense of how they can connect to their children and how their children connect to them. We can help provide the adopted person with supportive and healing counseling to help gain a greater sense of self-understanding, and birthparents to work through grief and loss while focusing on hope and healing.

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

—Deuteronomy 31:8



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is a global ministry dedicated to the transformation and restoration of the lives we serve. We are a Christ-centered organization that delivers redemptive ministry to the most vulnerable from the beginning to the ending of life.



To learn more about Buckner counseling services or to set up an appointment, please contact:

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## POST-ADOPTION AND COUNSELING SERVICES





# EVERY PERSON

entering the adoption process brings with them their history, values and beliefs. At times, our experiences can be our greatest assets or our greatest weaknesses. Although foster and adoptive parents undergo countless hours of training prior to placement, parenting often presents unique and unexpected challenges that may require clinical assistance or coaching, particularly when faced with trauma, loss, or abusive experiences that their child may have faced in their history. Foster and adoptive parents, the adopted person and birth family members face ambiguous loss and adverse childhood experiences that may develop into chronic or complicated grief years following the placement of a child. Adopted persons will face different questions about identity throughout their lives and may desire to put pieces of their history together or process experiences related to their adoption.



We offer individual and family clinical counseling with licensed professionals to all foster and adoptive families, adopted persons and birthparents. We also offer the following:

## FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES:



- De-identified copies of your child's adoption record
- Search assistance to obtain medical information
- Search assistance to open a closed adoption
- Ongoing training and education
- Attachment-focused counseling
- Consultation, providing information and resources relevant to your needs
- Support groups

## FOR ADOPTED PERSONS:



- De-identified copies of your adoption record
- Listing in our Mutual Consent Adoption Registry
- Search assistance and counseling support in search and reunion
- Support groups

## FOR BIRTHPARENTS:



- Background history search for adopted children
- Listing in our Mutual Consent Adoption Registry
- Search assistance and counseling support in search and reunion
- Assistance in updating your birth child's file
- Support groups