

Adoption Terminology



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Positive Language

Adoptee, My child
Birth child
Left in a public place
Birth, Biological parent
Born to unmarried parents
Internationally-born child
Child placed for adoption
Child with special needs
Court termination
**Make an adoption plan,
Decide, Choose adoption**
Intercountry/transnational adoption
Interracial
Confidential adoption
Parent
Search
To parent
Adoption triad

Negative Language

Adopted child
Own child
Abandoned
Real, Natural Parent
Illegitimate
Foreign child
Unwanted child
Handicapped child, Special needs child
Child taken away
**Give away,
Give up**
Foreign adoption
Mixed race
Closed adoption
Adoptive parent
Track down parents
To keep
Adoption triangle

Until Every Child Has a Home...