



Single Parenting and Adoption

Similarities

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- You can hold and name your baby.
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Differences

Single Parenting

- You will have a parental role, *24 hours a day / 7 days a week*.
- You may not have the support of a spouse.
- You may be more likely to struggle financially.
- You may need to delay your education or career.
- You may be unwillingly involved in a long-term relationship with the other birthparent.

Adoption

- You will not have to parent before you are ready.
- You can choose a two-parent family for your baby.
- You will be free from the financial responsibilities of parenting.
- You can continue with your education or career.
- You may have the freedom to continue or to end a relationship with the other birthparent.

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