



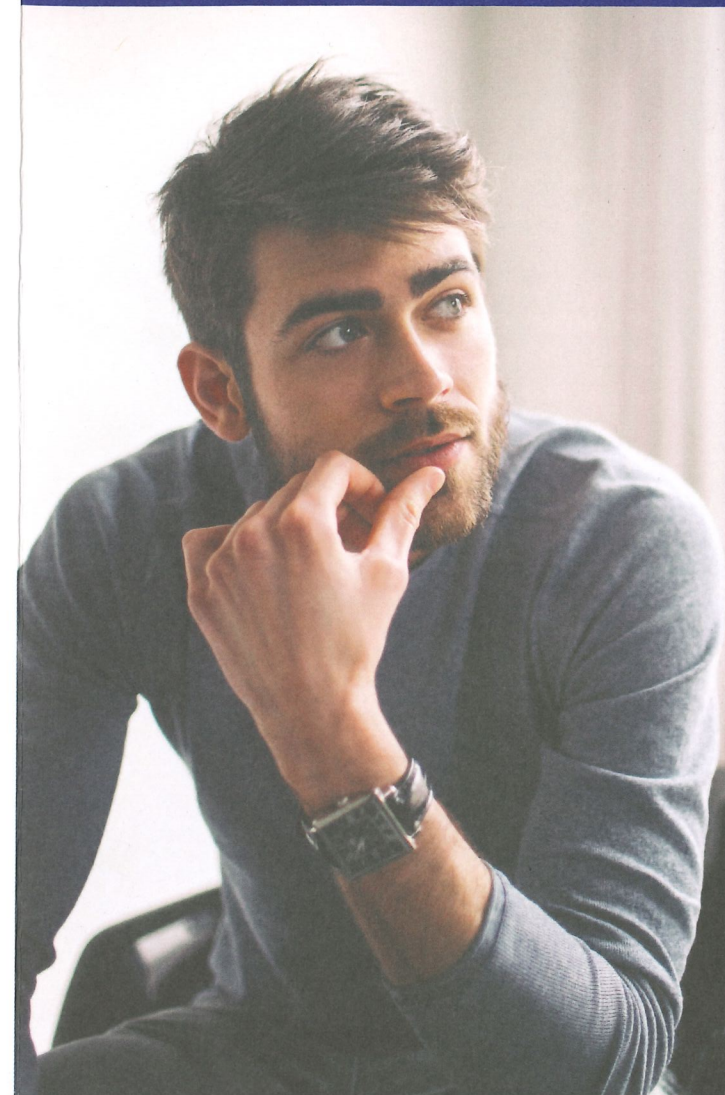
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Questions Expectant Fathers Ask

ADOPTION



Your questions deserve answers

We can help you
think through
your options.

WHAT LEGAL RIGHTS DO I HAVE?

Each state is different, but if you're not married to your baby's mother, you need to assert your paternity to be identified as the father. Seek immediate legal counsel.

I'M NOT WITH THE BABY'S MOTHER ANYMORE, BUT I STILL WANT INPUT. WHAT CAN I DO?

Let her know you care about these decisions and want to work together to make a plan, even if the two of you agree on nothing else. It may help to talk to a counselor who can help you both explore your options.

WILL MY CHILD KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME IF HE OR SHE IS ADOPTED?

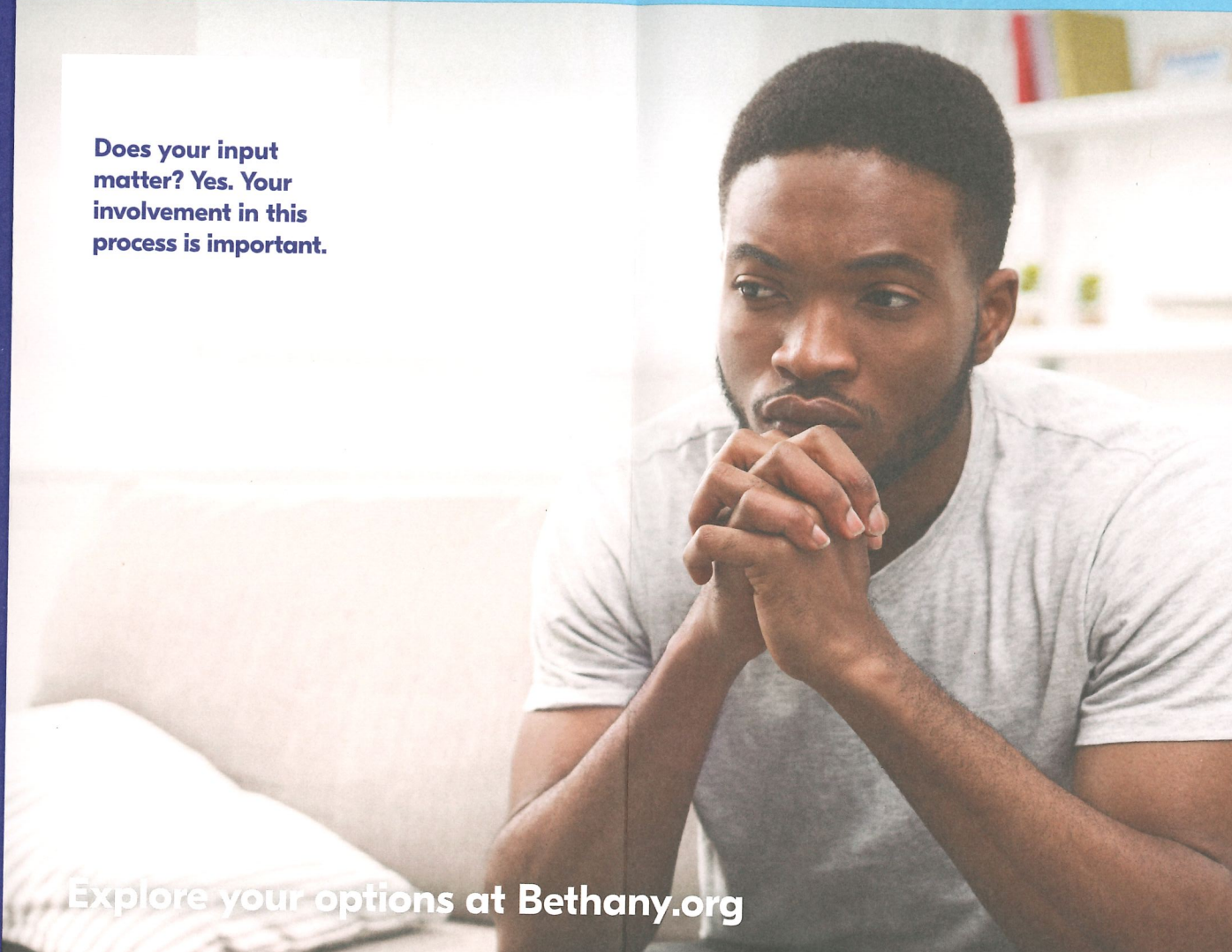
You'll be asked to share information about yourself and your family's medical history. You'll have decisions to make about how much contact you want to have with the adoptive family and with your child. If you choose, you can build a relationship with the adoptive family and be a part of your child's life.

DO WE HAVE TO SEE THE SAME SOCIAL WORKER, OR DO I GET MY OWN?

Some Bethany offices have a worker who specifically serves expectant fathers. You have the right to request your own if one isn't automatically provided for you, but there may be times when everyone needs to meet together.

CAN I GET A DNA TEST TO PROVE I'M THE FATHER?

You have the right to request one, but it will need to wait until after the child is born. You may need to cover the cost of the test, which could be \$250 or more.

A photograph of a man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a light gray t-shirt. He is sitting on a light-colored couch, looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. His hands are clasped together in front of him. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting, possibly a living room or office.

**Does your input
matter? Yes. Your
involvement in this
process is important.**

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