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Introducing SmartAdopt, by Open Arms Adoption Network

Just launched, SmartAdopt is an App for smartphones and tablets (available for iPhones/iPads and Androids) to help professionals working with pregnant women or women who have just given birth. SmartAdopt gives you, the service provider, important information you need to know as you provide support and care for your patients who might be contemplating if they are prepared to parent a new baby. Within the SmartAdopt App, you will find tips on how to introduce the option of voluntary adoption and info re: accurate adoption terminology, key information re: adoption law and father's rights and how to work with your State system when your patient chooses voluntary adoption instead of foster care for her baby.

Let's talk about adoption

Reassure her of privacy/confidentiality.

Explore her thoughts and feelings about this pregnancy/baby.

Listen.

Be non-judgmental, understanding, supportive, and exert no pressure.

Ask if she has any concerns regarding this pregnancy (or taking this baby home.) She might be overwhelmed and confused if this

This App is FREE, easy to use, and gives you access to information at any time that you may need it. The purpose of this App is to make you,

Q: Should I assume my patient knows that she is able to make an adoption plan prior to the state taking custody of the baby?

A: No, you should actually assume that she is *not* aware of this option. **It is up to you to inform her of this.** Remember, you must still follow your facility's protocol; however you are merely offering the option of adoption as an alternative for her to consider.

Q: My patient is interested in making an adoption plan, but her family wants to raise the baby.

A: **Only Birth Parents can make the legal decision** to parent or plan an adoption; this is



the service provider more competent and confident in discussing adoption with your clients or patients. Women have options, and they should have the opportunity to make an

informed decision regarding what is best for them and their baby. You will now be equipped to help them do so with the help of SmartAdopt.

To set up a FREE training to understand SmartAdopt, or any other topic related to adoption or Open Arms, call 1.888.OPENARMS, visit openarmsadoption.net or email us at info@openarmsadoption.net.

