



Media Fact Sheet

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About Us: The Cradle is a nonprofit, licensed child welfare agency providing adoption services, counseling and educational support. Since opening in 1923, The Cradle has facilitated over 16,000 domestic and international adoptions and has been at the forefront of open adoption, African American infant adoption and LGBTQ+ placements. Our team of social workers, counselors, and education and outreach staff offer ethical, inclusive and lifelong support to tens of thousands of people touched by adoption, including birth parents, adopted persons, and adoptive parents. The Cradle is the only adoption agency in the country with an on-site nursery, a safe, neutral place for infants to stay while their parents take the time they need to decide if adoption will be the plan for this child.

Mission: Building families through adoption • Supporting families through life's challenges • Strengthening communities through education

Vision: A world where every child thrives in a safe and loving family.

Services:

- Pregnancy Options Counseling (IL and IN)
- Adoptive Parent Services (IL)
- On-Site Nursery (IL)
- Post-Adoption Support and Counseling
- Community Outreach
- Education (including Our Children series and Adoption Learning Partners online education)

Service Area: The Cradle is headquartered in Evanston, IL, 14 miles north of Downtown Chicago. Expectant parent services are offered in Illinois and Indiana. We are licensed to work with adoptive parents who live in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, or Will Counties in Illinois. The Cradle Nursery is only available for babies born in Illinois; temporary care is available for babies born in Indiana. Adoption Learning Partners and Our Children educational programs are available to anyone regardless of geographic location.

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Revenue and Funding Sources: The Cradle is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a revenue of approximately \$5.1 million. We receive funding from foundations as well as generous donations from individuals, corporations, and community groups.