



"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves."

William Shakespeare

## Communication & Training Campaigns 2011 - 2017





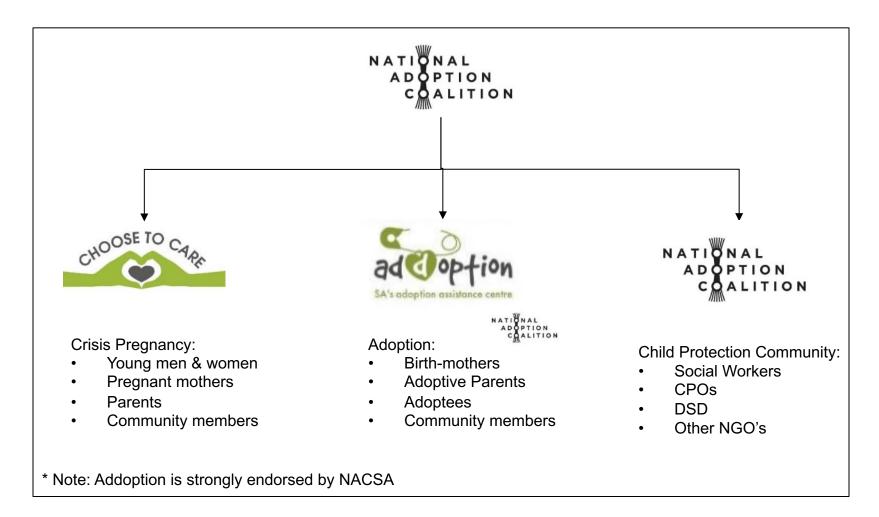
#### **NACSA Vision**

To unify and empower our communities and society, to create positive and permanent change in the lives of our children.





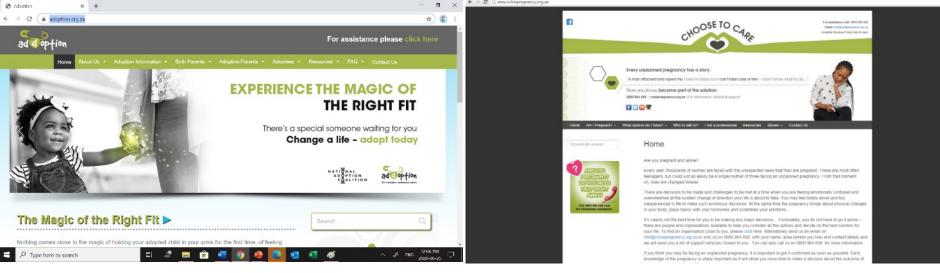
#### **NACSA Brands/Focus**





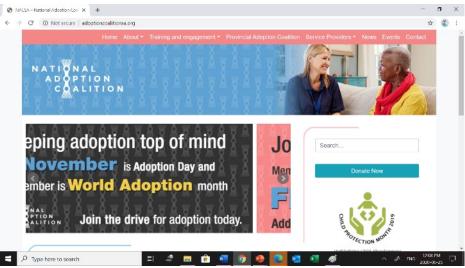


#### Websites



https://adoption.org.za/

#### http://www.crisispregnancy.org.za/







#### Conference 2011 - 'The Power of One!'

One vision. One voice. One network. One community. One child... at a time







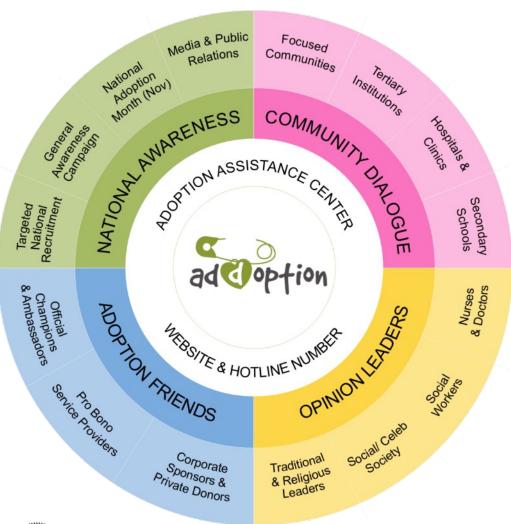








#### Supporting adoption in South Africa



#### 1. Adoption Assistance centre

National website and hotline number

#### 2. National Awareness campaign

The launch and ongoing awareness campaign together with targeted national recruitment.

#### 3. Community Dialogue

Community engagement to change perceptions and behaviour around adoption.

#### 4. Opinion leaders

Leadership of the change process through respected members of society.

#### 5. Adoption Friends

Rallying ambassadors, service providers, and sponsors to ensure the ongoing support and delivery of the programme.





#### Target markets - Who are we talking to?

FUNCTIONAL NEEDS	Orphaned & Vulnerable Children	Birth Mothers & Crisis Pregnancy Mothers	Adoptive Parents (Existing & Potential)	Caring SA Individuals & Corporates	Social Workers & Adoption Organisations	Health Care Professionals Nurses/Doctors	Government, Legislators & Law Fraternity
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	A safe, secure, healthy & caring growing up environment to reach their full potential	Non- judgemental physical & emotional support through pregnancy & birth process	A child of their own through a positive, open, honest, & affirming adoption process	A sustainable future for South Africa through the care and provision for all of our children	Consistent & effective policy, support, training & networking to ensure optimal service delivery	Consistent & effective support services to enhance their health care efforts	A sustainable future for South Africa through the care and provision of all of our children
MOTIONAL NEEDS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	SECURE & LOVED	SUPPORTED & RESPECTED	POSITIVE & AFFIRMED	SECURE & CONFIDENT	EMPOWERED & APPRECIATED	SUPPORTED & APPRECIATED	SECURE & CONFIDENT





# Adoption, and the support of adoption, ... is an act of LOVE

# imagine being love...





#### The Campaign Idea

# imagine being love...







the kind of love that inspires a nation to take care of every single precious child.

Just imagine







Are you longing to adopt a child?

### Addoption has all the answers.

Addoption, South Africa's first national adoption resource centre, can after you the assistance to set the adoption process in motion. Our call centre staff will put you in touch with a registered adoption agency near you, while our website offers a weelth of adoption-related information.

Because **nothing** should stand in the way of giving a child a **loving home**.

phone Addoption 0800 864 650 for univarion

Just imagine...

For option counselling or any adoption-related queries, please call 0800 864 658 or visit adoption.org.za.



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SA's adoption assistance centre

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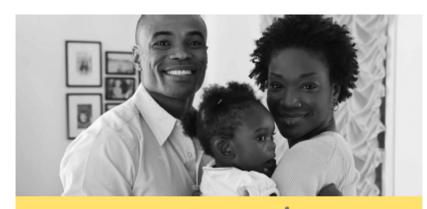




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## imagine being love...

It finds expression in actions. Adopting a child is such an act.

It's probably one of the most challenging expressions of love.

But if love's success is measured by the opportunity it gives a child to grow up in a loving family, then success is a given.

About 1.5 million South African children need love.

You can be the love in one child's life.
Why don't you consider adoption as an option?

Just imagine...



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Unplanned pregnancy?

#### Love could be the cure.

When someone's facing the toughest decision of their life, love could give them the strength to envision a bright future—for them and their looky.

Thousands of women face an unplanned pregnancy every year. Sadly, many are unaware of all the options available to them. Adoption is one of these options – one that comes with caring and compassionate help. Through Addoption, we will refer your clients to experienced practitioners who will explain the afferent options to them and provide them with counselling and assistance, no meter their choice.

Love could be the cure your patients are longing for.
Just imagine...

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## imagine being love...

When everything around you is falling apart, love helps you think straight.

When everyone's telling you what to do, trust love to guide you to find your own truth.

800 864 658 When you're facing an unplanned pregnancy,

Just imagine...

For option counselling and guidance in an unplanned pregnancy, please call 0800 864 658 or visit adoption.org.za for assistance.

you could give your child a gift of love - a loving adoptive family.



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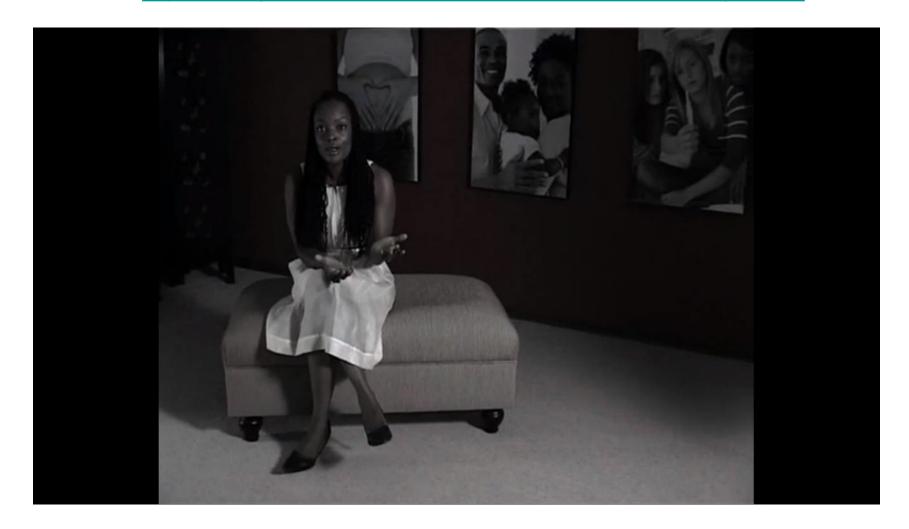
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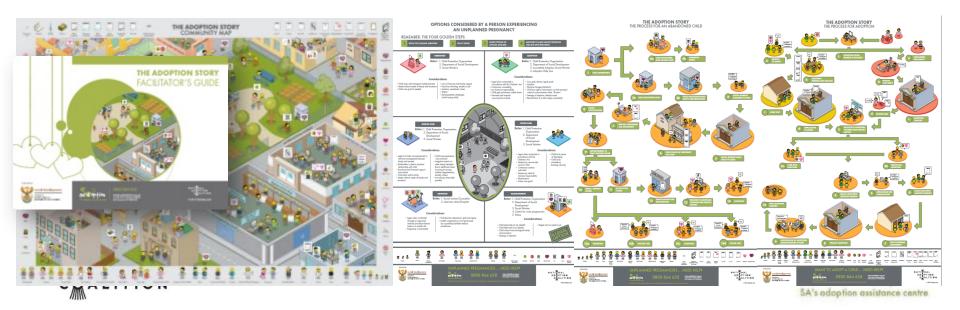






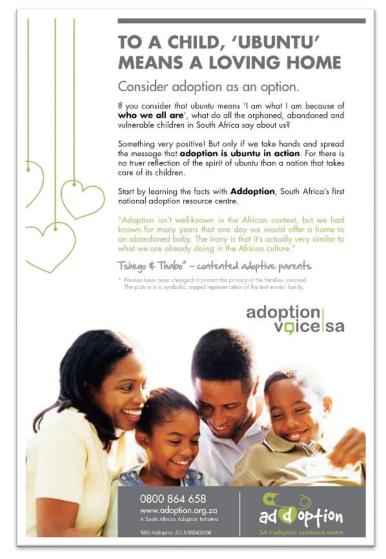
#### 2012 Crisis Pregnancy and Adoption Training

- NACSA developed an adoption community programme in 2012, with the aim of creating the following awareness and understanding:
  - A facilitator guide (how to run the workshop)
  - Child protection and social challenges in communities (Community Map)
  - The options available to someone experiencing a crisis pregnancy (Map)
  - What to do if an abandoned child is found (Process Map)
  - The process of adoption (Process Map)
  - The values that should guide the adoption process (Workshop exercise)
- https://adoptioncoalitionsa.org/training-and-engagement/adoption-toolkit/



#### 2012 Up Close and Personal Campaign

- This campaign focused on the personal stories of adoption.
- Personal stories covered
  - Same race adoption
  - Transrace adoption
  - Adoption by same sex couples
  - Adoption of Special Needs children (HIV +)
- Campaign included print adverts, TV advert and Radio Advert
- The hanging heart theme in different colours became part of the campaigns.









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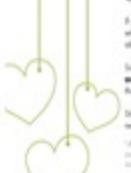
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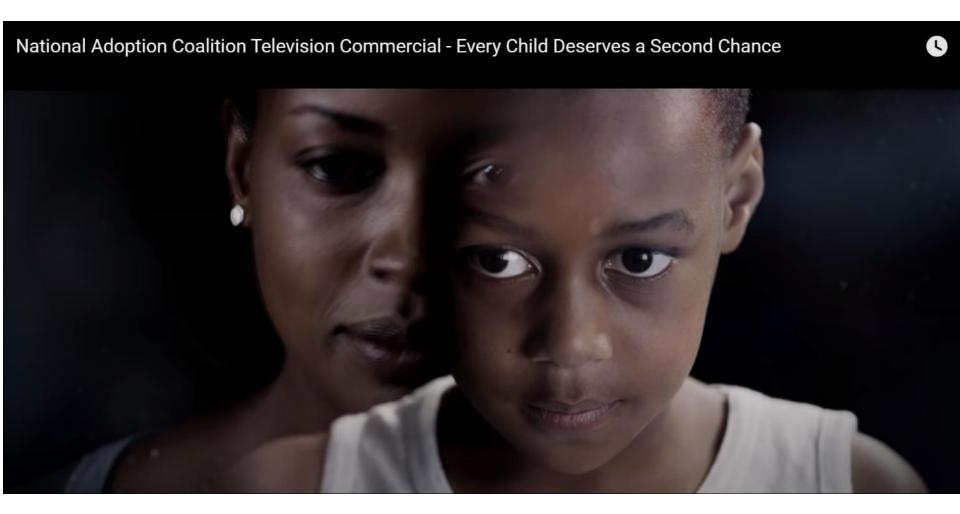
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#### 2013 Every child deserves a second chance at adoption ad









#### 2014 Conference Priorities



Conference 2014
Adoption & Culture

- Conference every 2 years.
- Adoption oversight/best practice.
- Focus on ethics and the law (Children's Act), best interests of the child defined.
- Trauma of carers.
- Birth mother support.
- Preparation for adoption and post adoption services.
- Advocacy skills for social workers
- Culture & Adoption Informal family arrangements, recruitment of black adoptive parents, cultural dynamics, culturally relevant adoption.
- Relationship with DSD
  - The challenge of 239 letters and Form 30's is still an area of concern.
  - The purpose and role of RACAP and its practical implementation going forward.
  - Funding from government/DSD for screening, preparation and after care/support.
  - Intersectoral collaboration in government to facilitate adoptions.





#### 2014 Crisis Pregnancy – Choose to Care Campaign

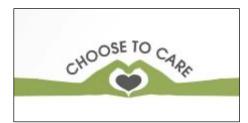
- Build on 'up close and personal 'campaign approach
- Personal stories based on actual research
- Build empathy and understanding
- Focus on community support and cohesion in finding a solution.
- Proactive and solution driven vs reactive
- No reference to adoption or the National Adoption Coalition, but similar look and feel to communication





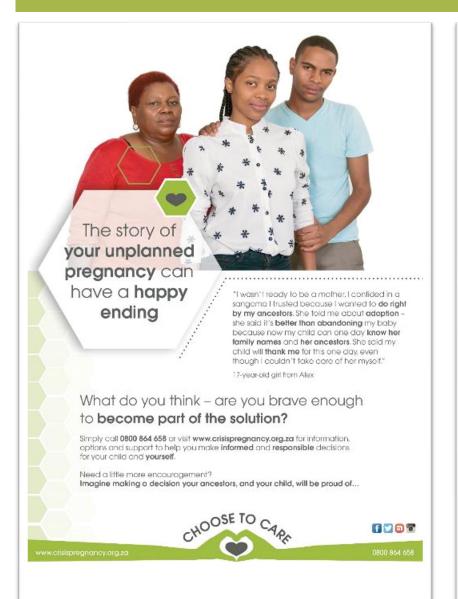


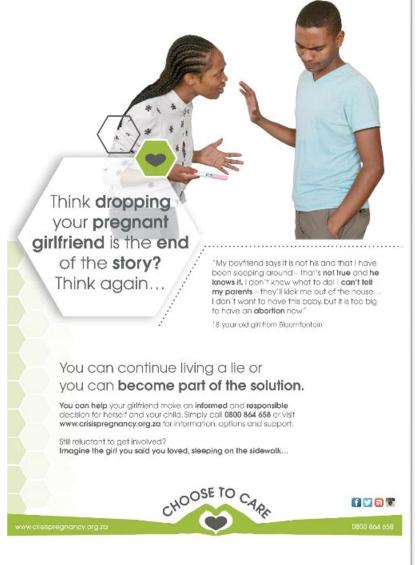






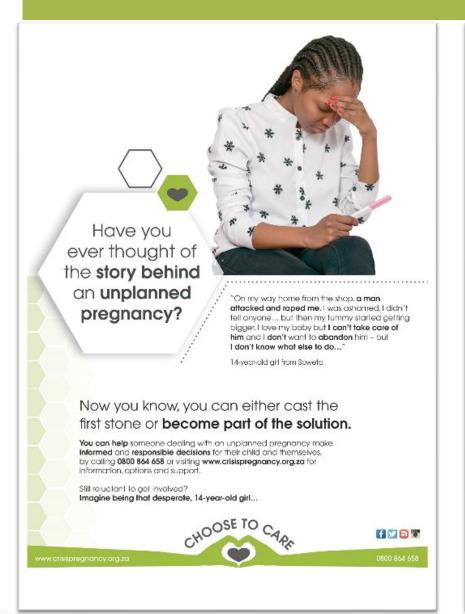


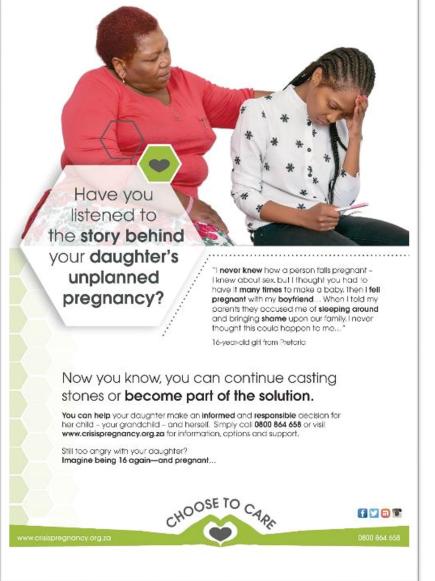
















#### Outdoor



information | options | support











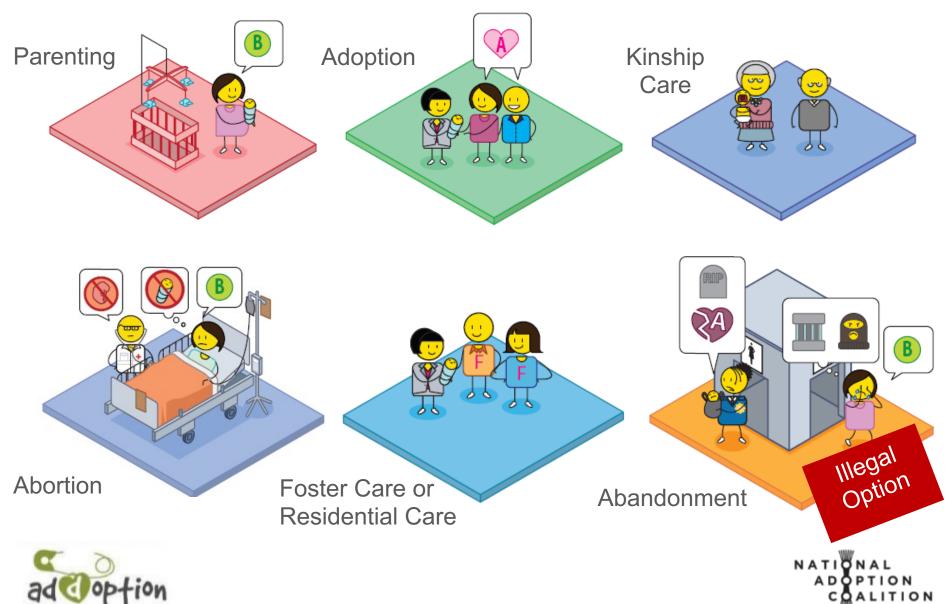






#### **Option Counselling**

SA's adoption assistance centre



#### 2015 - 16 Days of Activism Child Abandonment Campaign

- Over 1500 baby dolls were 'abandoned' at key community hubs during 2015's 16 Days of Activism.
- Each doll contained in a paper packet with an information flyer that details:
  - That the baby doll has been abandoned.
  - The challenge of abandonment and late abortion in South Africa.
  - The importance of not getting angry with, or blaming, the mother as she is often a victim of poverty, rape and trauma.
  - 4 key areas where people can get involved and take action.
- Key abandonment hubs included popular shopping malls, universities and media houses





Dolls were left in bathrooms, pot-plants, benches and other similar 'abandonment' sites.





#### Involvement and Action

- There were 4 key areas where people could get involved to make a difference:
  - Visit our website www.crisispregnancy.org.za or call/SMS us on 0800 864648 if you are experiencing a crisis pregnancy, and we can give you the options and support you will need to make a healthy choice for you and your unborn child.
  - 2. Visit and like our 'Crisis Pregnancy' Facebook and MXiT pages where you can also contact us for help.
  - 3. Take a picture of yourself with the Choose to Care baby you have found and post it to Instagram #choosetocare to show your support for our cause and join the conversation @choosetocare during SA's 2015 16 Days of Activism.
  - 4. Sign our petition at www.avaaz.org asking the South African government to take responsibility for this major social challenge by conducting research and implementing a plan that will make a difference in the lives of our forgotten children.
- Our intention was to create massive social media awareness and engagement around this issue.

5A's adoption assistance centre

## This BABY doll has been ABANDONED, please feel free to give him or her a LOVING HOME

It is estimated that more than 3500 babies and children are abandoned annually in South Africa, and of the approximately 120 000 illegal abortions, more than 30% are conducted after 26 weeks, which is medically considered to be a viable birth.\*

Before getting angry with the mothers who make this desperate choice, please remember that many of them are victims of poverty, rape and severe trauma. If they felt safe, secure and protected, they would probably not be making this decision!

#### How can you choose to care?

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#### The Campaign in Action – preparing the dolls





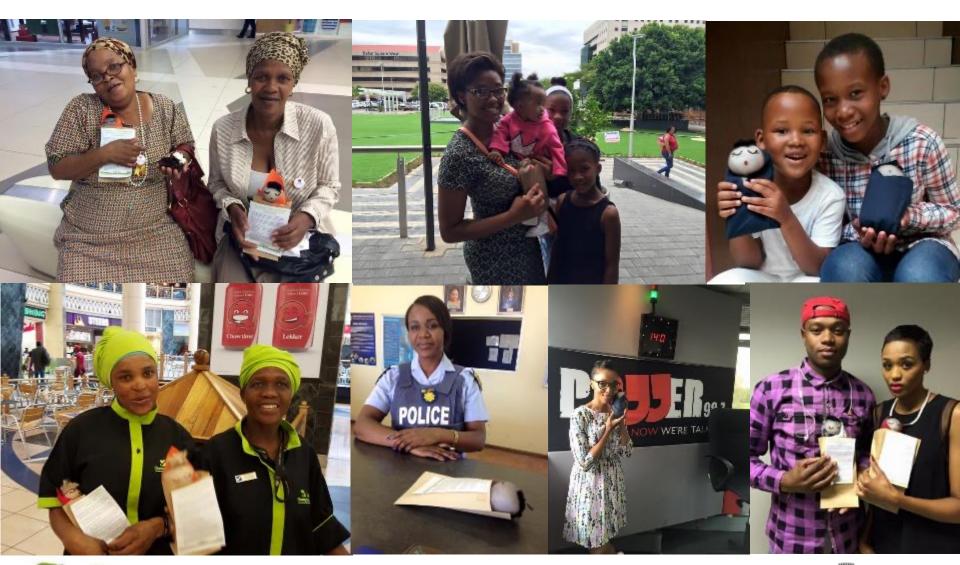


#### 'Abandoning' the dolls











NATIONAL ADOPTION COALITION

#### Supported by print and radio exposure



- We "abandoned" over 1500 dolls made by volunteers and supporters from around the country.
- A day later we were trending on Instagram, with pictures of people who had "adopted" our baby dolls and committed to supporting the cause.
- We generated over R4 million in PR support and were featured on/in all major TV, radio and print media.
- How to make a choose to care doll: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nh</u> z0HSw-ta8&t=27s





#### 2016 – Care Crib for Nelson Mandela Day

- Choose to care Care Crib for Nelson Mandela's, as a way to create awareness and support around mothers and young teens experiencing a crisis pregnancy.
- The Care Crib was inspired by the Finnish Baby Box, a box filled with clothing and baby accessories, in the hopes that it would help prevent child abandonment cases and encourage the mother to bond with her child as she will be provided with the basic necessities to help her in the first few weeks of her babies life.
- The Care Crib was designed and sponsored by Mpact and filled by various corporate companies for their contribution towards Mandela Day 2016 (18<sup>th</sup> July).
- Each Care Crib given out has to be accompanied by a distribution form so we can keep stats on where and who our boxes has helped and send a report to our sponsors.







#### The response was fantastic (individual and corporate)

















#### New mother's receiving their Care Cribs













#### Conference 2016: Summary of Actions



- Placing children's rights at the centre of what we do.
- Accurate, relevant child protection statistics e.g. abandoned children.
- Streamline adoption legal process and administrative requirements.
- Addressing foreign children documentation and adoptability.
- Our role in supporting the adoption triad pre, during and post!
- Early placement and reduction in child protection challenges.
- Teen pregnancy our role in supporting young women and mothers.
- Learning and practice strengthening learning platforms.
- International social services/international relations with neighbours.
- Strengthening coordination between DSD, NACSA and other key stakeholders in the Adoption Family at a national and provincial level.





## **ADOPTION**

## Do's & Don'ts

for adoptive parents



Do you know that there are **right** and **wrong** ways to adopt a child? Stick with me and I'll show you the **right way to adopt!** 

Add-option is an initiative of SA's National Adoption Coalition





#### Adoption don'ts

It is **Illegal** to obtain a child in the following ways:

- Through an ad on social media
- Buying a child through an unregistered and unaccredited baby home
- Dealing directly with a birth parent without an accredited social worker
- Accepting an abandoned child from a public servant, like a police officer, without completing a legal adoption process





#### Do's

In South Africa, there are **only two ways** in which you can legally adopt a child:

- By working through an accredited adoption organisation
- Adopting a child with the assistance of an adoption social worker functioning within South Africa's leglly accredited adoption system





#### Do's

When adopting a child legally in South Africa, the following **steps** are involved:



#### Step 1: Application

- The prospective adoptive parents submit an application to the agency/adoption social worker.
- Each agency has its own set of requirements, so it's a good idea to phone the particular agency to get their set of criteria before you actually apply in writing.
- Getting your application right from the start can save a lot of time later

#### Step 2: Screening & preparation

- All prospective adoptive parents are required to undergo a screening and preparation process.
- The screening process normally involves orientation meetings, interviews with a social worker, full medicals, marriage and psychological assessments, home visits, police clearance and references.

#### Step 3: Walting list

- Once the screening process is complete, applicants are placed on a waiting list for a child.
- Applicants usually have their own ideas and wishes about the child they would like to adopt, like the age or gender of the child, and adoption agencies will try to meet those personal expectations.



#### Step 4: Match made

- It's a very Joyous and happy day when the new parents are informed that they have been matched to a child and arrangements are made for them to meet the child.
- There is usually a period of introduction to the child, the length of time varying according to the child's age.

#### Step 5: Legalisation & finalisation

- The official placement of the child with the adoptive parents is a legal process, carried out through the Children's Court
- Once the child has been with the new parents for a period of time and the social worker has assessed the adoption to be in the best interests of the child, the adoption is finalised through the
- A new birth certificate is applied for from the Department of Home Affairs stating that the child is yours as though born to you, with all the same rights as a biological child.



If the legal adoption process seems long and gruelling to you, please consider the following...

Adoption agencies/adoption social workers are ofter criticized for 'all the red tape' or 'making applicants jump through too many hoops'. The adoption social work team is **completely responsible** for making decisions about our **children's future**.

The rather involved process is therefore a necessity to ensure that the right parent(s) is/are chosen for every child - the parent(s) that will provide the child in question with the best possible home and family.

The screening process in particular allows social workers to get to know prospective adopters as a family, their motivation to adopt and their ability to offer a child a warm, loving and stable home.



If you are looking for an accredited adoption agency or adoption social worker in your area, simply contact Add-option, South Africa's national adoption resource centre. You can also go online or call us for option counselling and any adoption-related queries.

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Let's do adoption right – **our children's future depends on i**t.



#### 2017 RIP Abandoned Baby Campaign

- Raise awareness about the plight of abandoned babies.
- Make parents experiencing crisis pregnancies aware of the organisations who can assist them at this difficult time.
- Stimulate national conversation and debate about issues of baby abandonment.
- The creative concept references the remembrance crosses one often sees next to South African roads, marking the spot where a loved one passed away, presumably due to a vehicle accident.
- Posters will be co-branded with our CYCC/Baby Home and Places of Safety Partners.
- Posters will be placed in high traffic areas near the CYCC's/Baby Homes and Places of Safety to offer clear directions to where they are situated.
- A few posters will also be placed on previous sites of abandonments.





# There is no need to abandon your baby

there are safe places near you that can take care of them.

2 IN 3 ABANDONED BABIES DIE

If you need help with a crisis pregnancy, or know someone who needs help, please call us or send a WhatsApp on

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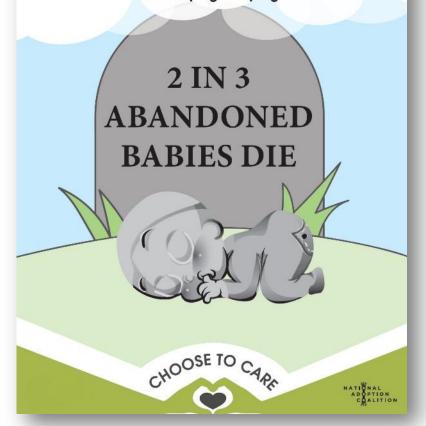




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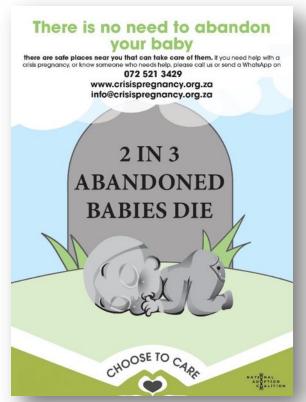


#### Campaign in Action





















## Thank you

