



THE NURTURING NETWORK ORGANIZATION & PLAN

- ORGANIZATION:** The Nurturing Network is an international organization and is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Contributions to the Network are tax deductible.
- PURPOSE:** The Network provides educational counseling and practical support services to all women faced with an unplanned pregnancy in order that the birth alternative may become more attractive, feasible and available.
- COMMITMENT:** Setting rhetoric aside, members of the Network across the country offer the resources a mother needs to nurture her child's life without compromising her own.
- PLAN:** Services and resources are offered to each client after careful consideration of her unique needs and circumstances. The Nurturing Network utilizes resources offered by participating individuals and organizations who, as volunteer "members," are in agreement with the Network's practical objectives.
- Guidance and Counseling:** Based on a detailed evaluation of a client's needs, our counselors develop a comprehensive plan of assistance incorporating the appropriate services of the Network and other organizations. Professionally trained counselors and licensed social workers seek to provide additional support when clinical counseling is necessary.
- Residential:** Clients reside in the homes of Network members (nurturing families) for the duration of their pregnancies. The confidentiality of a client's situation can often best be protected through geographic relocation.

Medical:	The Network assists a client in securing a competent and caring doctor who is supportive of her choice to give birth and is in agreement with the Network's purpose.
Educational:	Clients are offered the opportunity to transfer to a member college or university to continue their education while protecting the confidentiality of their circumstances.
Occupational:	Clients in need of employment are offered full and part-time job opportunities with member companies and organizations.
Adoption Counseling:	Objective and sensitive counseling is available directly and through referral when requested by a client.
Preparation for Parenthood:	The Network staff address the issues of parenting, employment, housing and day care as requested by clients.

The Nurturing Network puts aside the polarizing rhetoric of pro-life and pro-choice positions in order to discover the vast common ground that can nurture the seeds of mutual understanding. Those who support "choice" can hardly dispute the value of creating another choice; those who support "life" can hardly reject an alternative made real. It is on this common ground that The Nurturing Network has positioned itself, offering a "choice for life."

The objective of The Nurturing Network is not a political one, but a most practical one: to make sure that every woman knows that the support she needs in order to continue her pregnancy is available by calling our toll free number, 1-800-TNN-4MOM.