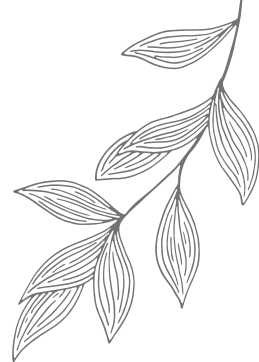




*meet*  
**JOURNEY  
ADOPTION  
CONSULTANTS**





# hello!

## I AM SO THANKFUL YOU'RE HERE!

My name is Leigh Ann Dale, and I am the founder of Journey Adoption Consultants. My husband and I adopted our son in 2012 and our daughter in 2017. I noticed through our own adoption journeys, the overall lack of support and education for adoptive parents. After completing our family, I founded Journey Adoption Consultants, LLC in the fall of 2018. I felt a calling from the Lord to help educate and support adoptive families as they walk through the journey of domestic adoption.

When I started JAC, I found that a lot of families were approved to adopt but didn't have any education and true understanding of adoption and the process it entails. I then set out to put together a process that not only walks families step-by-step through the adoption process but also educates them in all aspects of adoption. We are continuously raising the bar for our education and are always looking for new and creative ways to help educate our families. Our process has helped set our families apart from other adoptive families. Adoption education is a non-negotiable for JAC families and nothing is ever sugar-coated. Our process for extensive education allows our agency network to have the time they need to spend on their expecting mothers so they can be better supported and empowered.

Since JAC's start, we've proudly helped over 120 families adopt and do adoption better. As you read through this packet, my prayer is that you see the advantages of what we provide here at JAC and you want to learn more about partnering. I'd love nothing more than to talk about how we can combine our services to help build a better adoption community.

**MANY BLESSINGS,**

*Leigh Ann Dale*

Founder & Consulting Director



# meet our team...



## **BRE STARKS**

### **Adoption Consultant**

I am a two-time adoptive mother! We adopted our daughter in 2018 and our son in 2021 with the help of JAC. I joined the JAC team in 2020 as the Agency Coordinator, but not long after joining JAC, I transitioned into an Adoption Consultant where I spend my days educating, guiding, and encouraging hopeful families. I'm a huge advocate of open adoption as both of my children have an open adoption. My clients become a part of my family!



## **ERICA CHANCELLOR**

### **Profile Book Designer**

I am a two-time adoptive mama to my precious sons! We adopted in 2018 and again in 2023. After our first adoption, I found many families were confused when it came to creating their own profile book and that is when I started designing books for other adoptive families. I joined the JAC team in 2022 designing profile books for their families. The adoption profile book is an essential part of the adoption process and I do not take my job lightly.



## **MARCY PEDERSON**

### **Adoption Consultant**

I am a mother to three and married to an adoptee. I joined the JAC Team in 2023 after working in the adoption field for over 20 years. My passions are my family, adoption, and raising awareness for autism. I have personal and professional experience working with children with special needs. I am excited to walk hand-in-hand with adoptive families and pray with them throughout their journey.



## **STARRE GUFFEY**

### **Network Specialist**

I am a mother to three, two biological and one adopted. My background is in education and I have spent 14 years in the Alabama teaching system. Adoption is the gospel, and I see it lived out in my living room every single day. I pray to help many families connect with a great ethical agency, to ultimately grow their family through adoption!

# what we offer...

**CONTINUOUS GUIDANCE** We guide and educate our families on all aspects of the adoption process – from start to finish we hold their hand and help them understand each step. We educate families on proper adoption language, what to expect during the home study, assistance with finding a local licensed home study provider, help with financial guidance to afford adoption, guidance on selecting their preferences, open adoption, how to work with an agency, creating an effective profile book, what to expect once matched, and helping them prepare for the hospital and placement.

**CHRISTIAN COMPANY** We are a Christian company run on Christian values. We strive to serve the Lord as we walk adoptive families through the adoption process.

**OUR VALUES** We value everyone in the adoption process – the adoptive family, the expecting parents, the child, and YOU! We believe that we all matter and that everyone deserves respect.


**ADOPTION EDUCATION** We believe that adoption education is extremely important and that you should never stop learning. We have partnered with Creating A Family Education. We require all of our families to take ten hours of adoption training free of charge. Our families are required to take adoption training that covers domestic adoption, open adoption, transracial adoption, and prenatal exposure. Our families are also provided an education guide and access to our private Facebook group where we share education on various adoption topics and help walk them through each step of the adoption process.

**PROFILE BOOK GUIDANCE** All of our families have a custom professionally designed profile book created by our in-house profile book designer! Each family's book is tailored to fully represent the adoptive family but is also designed with the expecting parents in mind. We help our families with text and picture selection. We provide guidelines to make sure their book can be presented by any adoption entity.


**OUR PROCESS FOR FAMILIES** We believe a family shouldn't wait three years to adopt. We vet our agencies and provide our families with a referral list of agencies and attorneys to work with. As well, we have a network of agencies who trust us because we've properly educated our families and know we are always available to them and our families, so they turn to us when they need to match an expecting mother, and we pass these on to our families free of charge! We would love the opportunity to partner with you for these times as well!

**OUR AVAILABILITY** We are available to our clients and network any time of the day by phone, text, and email! We don't have regular working hours because we understand adoption isn't a 9-5 industry! The same goes when it comes to our network, we're always available! We've answered calls at 11:30 PM and at 6:00 AM, we understand it just comes with the territory!

**HOW WE CAN HELP YOU!** We understand that you are stretched thin and don't always have enough time to walk families through the general adoption process, this is where we come in to help you! Our families are home-study-approved, educated, and financially ready to adopt. When you need to find the right family for your expecting mother, we'd love for you to think of JAC and contact us to help you! We are always looking for adoption professionals to work with!



**The work we do with our families allows you more time to concentrate on serving expecting mothers.**



# past family testimonies



## The "W" Family



We signed with JAC after a failed adoption match. We interviewed Leigh Ann and knew that it was the best decision that would help restore our faith in the adoption process. We signed with JAC later that week in September 2020.

Leigh Ann encouraged us through the adoption process with the extra support that JAC had to offer. She guided us with prayers and advice when presented with opportunities that we wanted extra guidance and prayers on so we could make our decision on whether to present to the opportunity. In spring 2021, we matched and Leigh Ann had nothing but positive things to say about this agency that a number of her other clients had worked with and successfully adopted from. She was able to guide us during the entire process.

We are thankful and appreciative of the support and prayers that Leigh Ann and her staff at JAC offers us, the expecting mothers, birth mothers, and other JAC families. We highly recommend JAC for the personal attention you want during your adoption journey.

## The "C" Family



We were introduced to JAC by a friend who worked with them when she and her husband adopted. We came into the process with a ton of questions. We really knew nothing except for the fact that God had called us to step out in faith to adopt! Our consultant, Bre, was an absolute answer to prayer for us!

Not only is she knowledgeable about the ins and outs of the process and experience, but she was also a great encourager and support for us during times of worry and fear. She would speak God's truth over us and remind us of how He was working, even when we didn't see it. I would recommend JAC to any family looking to adopt. They were a great resource and they give us access to a number of agencies we wouldn't have known about otherwise, but they also held our hand with every step of the process. We wouldn't say that the adoption journey was always easy, but with Bre and JAC, we felt fully supported throughout our time walking this road! We have added a beautiful baby boy to our family, and that wouldn't have been possible without JAC!



## The "K" Family



We started our journey by talking to a few consultants. As soon as I spoke to Leigh Ann, I knew I couldn't work with anyone else! I immediately trusted her to guide us on our journey. She held our hand throughout it all! First, by recommending an amazing home study company, helping us with our profile book, educating us, hand-selecting agency options to apply to, and then assisting us through the many different situations we were presented with. We matched two weeks after becoming home study approved, through a case we got directly from Leigh Ann! A couple of months later we found ourselves experiencing a disruption, and not only was she there to tell us everything would be okay, but she helped us dust ourselves off, hold onto our faith, and continue our journey without missing a beat. She connected us with an agency looking for families and a few weeks later we matched! Leigh Ann supported us every step of the way! I would recommend her again and again! Thank you, Leigh Ann and JAC for helping us find our missing piece.



# Thank you!

## YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE, LET US HELP!

Thank you so much for letting us tell you more about JAC. We are looking to expand our network and would love to connect with you. Our prayer is that the services we provide our families you will find valuable. We'd love to set up a time to chat and learn more about each other and see how we can work together and continue building forever families.

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO CHATTING SOON,**

*Leigh Ann Dale*

