

Adopt An Inmate

Introductions, History &
Purpose

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- Process
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- Rick Fisk, Founder
- Melissa Schmitt, She-EO (Co-founder)
- Leah Patterson, Board Member & Technical Training Specialist
- Samuela Nava, Volunteer Coordinator



The A-Team



History & Purpose

- Background
- Purpose
 - Positive Social Connections
 - Research & Study
 - Survey



AI Survey

Adopt an Inmate

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If this is a duplicate survey, please discard or pass on to someone who might be interested

Personal Info & Confidentiality

Name & Inmate #: _____ Date: _____

State & Facility: _____ (Please notify re: address changes) DOB: _____

1. How did you hear about us? _____ Are you a veteran? Y / N Branch? _____

2. Are you interested in being adopted _____

Information provided is used for research purposes and may be published on the Adopt an Inmate website, and/or provided to legislators and media sources. If your comments are published, please indicate your privacy preferences: First and Last name, location (*"John Smith, TDCJ"*)

First name, location (*"John in TDCJ"*) I prefer to remain anonymous (*"A prisoner in Texas"*)

3. How long have you been incarcerated? _____

4. Did you have a paid attorney? Y / N Were you provided with a public defender? Y / N

5. Did your case go to trial? Y / N Did you accept a plea deal? Y / N

6. Were you satisfied with your legal representation? Y / N

7. What is your sentence? _____ Expected date of release? _____

8. Do you feel your sentence is just? Y / N Please explain: _____

Adoption Process

- Request from incarcerated person (letter or e-message)
 - Survey sent, completed & returned to AI
 - Added to Waiting List (WL)
- Request from volunteer adopter (website form)
 - Prepare and send list of 3-5 possible matches
 - Provide contact info for selected adoptee(s)
 - Maximum of 2 to start

Policies & Statistics

- Policies
 - What we're not / Convictions / Language
- Statistics
 - 2,000+ adoptions
 - Hundreds of letters every week
 - 12K incarcerated people in database (more added daily)
 - Volunteer base
 - Reentry / clemency hearings

Welcome to the



Family

