



**national association
to advance
fat acceptance**

**We Come In All Sizes....
Understand It.
Support It.
Accept It.**

ADOPTION AND CHILD CUSTODY DISCRIMINATION

NAAFA'S OFFICIAL POSITION:

The National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance demands that fat individuals and couples have equal access to adoption services. The ability of a potential parent to love and properly care for a child should be the only valid selection criteria in any adoption. NAAFA further demands that governmental agencies be prohibited from using weight as one of the criteria for removing a child from his/ her home or in child custody cases.

NAAFA ADVOCATES:

- The introduction, passage, enactment, and enforcement of local, state, and federal legislation which adds "height and weight" or "size" to the categories protected under statutory laws on adoption rights, child welfare and custody laws.
- That all adoption services, family courts or agencies, both public and private, choose the most qualified parents without prejudice towards size differences.
- That birth parents choose adoptive parents for their children without prejudice towards size differences.
- That lawyers and other adoption professionals actively assist fat people in fighting for equal access in becoming adoptive parents. In addition, they should provide legal counsel in an effort to oppose the removal of children from their families based upon weight.
- That fat individuals or couples assert their right to adopt a child/children and that they publicly protest any discriminatory policies, actions, or attitudes they encounter in the adoption process.

NAAFA RESOLVES TO:

- Educate the public, the media, birth parents, adoption agencies, adoption professionals, the judiciary and child welfare workers as to the problems of size discrimination in adoption, child welfare and custody.

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- Provide advice and emotional support to individuals and couples facing size discrimination in the adoption process, in child welfare and custody cases.
- Assist plaintiffs engaged in litigation involving size discrimination in adoption, child welfare and custody cases by providing them with referrals to expert witnesses who might testify on their behalf.