

## A.R.T. - Children's Needs Come First Continuing the Bond Between Father, Mother, and Child

### WATCH: Along for the Ride

A film highlighting a baby's relationship with her parents from inside the womb

As a baby grows inside their mother's womb, they create a bond with their mother. They go wherever she does, and they learn to recognize her voice and smell. Even just after birth, babies can distinguish their mother from others. Taking a baby away from their mother causes harm and distress to the baby. Children are entitled to be raised by their loving biological mother and father.



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#### Continuing the discussion with older children -

Surrogacy is one form of Assisted Reproductive Technology. Surrogacy is where a woman gives birth to the baby, with the intention to give the baby to another person to raise the baby. Surrogacy is a particularly devastating form of Assisted Reproductive Technologies because it intentionally separates a baby at birth from the only mother they know. Birth is where the mother/baby bond should continue to develop, not be forced to end.

Surrogacy creates a separation, while adoption seeks to return to a child that which they've lost - a mother and father. Children are entitled to be raised by their loving biological mother and father. Wherever possible, we strive to uphold this ideal because it puts the needs of children first.



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#### Additional Reading:

- The Mommy and Baby Connection
- When Does a Baby Recognize Mom? Experts Explain
- Do Babies Know Their Mother At Birth? The Bonding Has Already Begun
- Research Finds Maternal Separation Stresses The Baby
- How Surrogacy Harms Women and Children