

# An Introduction to Surrogacy

*A guide for women  
considering becoming  
surrogates*



  
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# What is surrogacy?

**Gestational surrogacy** is an arrangement in which a woman carries a child to term for intended parents who are unable to have children on their own. She is known as a gestational surrogate or gestational carrier.

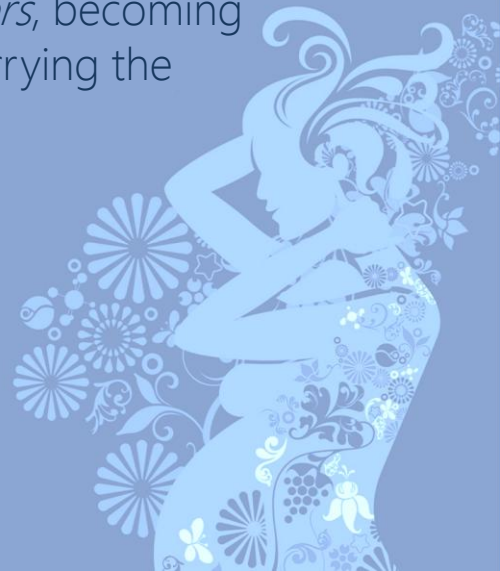
Intended parents create fertilized embryos through **in vitro fertilization**, sometimes with the assistance of an egg donor or sperm donor. These embryos are cultivated in a laboratory and implanted in the surrogate.



Gestational surrogates have no genetic relationship to the children they carry. By contrast, **traditional surrogates** are both *gestational carriers and genetic contributors*, becoming pregnant by artificial insemination, and carrying the child to term for the intended parents.

Circle Surrogacy currently facilitates only gestational surrogacy arrangements.

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# Who do surrogates help?



Intended parents who pursue parenthood through surrogacy come from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Some are couples with a history of infertility. Some are same-sex couples. And others are single individuals.

Circle surrogates have the chance to express preferences about the intended parents with whom they are matched.

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# Why become a surrogate?

Women become surrogates for a variety of reasons. Some women have a personal connection to infertility struggles and love the idea of helping a couple or individual start a family.



Others feel their family is complete but love being pregnant. Whatever the reason, you and your family can benefit greatly while experiencing this incredible journey.

Check out some [testimonials](#) from Circle surrogates.

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# Jeni's Story

"I was matched with amazing intended fathers (now proud fathers!) in November, 2010. Over the course of our journey, I developed a real passion for all things surrogacy."



"I became very active in the surrogacy community and also discovered that I loved speaking with those outside the community about the beauty of surrogacy."

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# Who can become a surrogate?

[Requirements for surrogate](#) applicants vary from agency to agency. Wondering if you qualify? Circle surrogates must meet the following guidelines:

- Between 21 - 41 years of age
- Delivery of a healthy child within past 10 years
- Body Mass Index no higher than 32
- Residence in a U.S. state other than WA, NE, MI, NY, NJ, or the District of Columbia.
- No illegal drugs, cigarettes, or alcohol abuse
- No current use of anti-depressants
- Women with IUDs are welcome to apply, though additional qualification requirements may arise that may affect a projected timeline
- No more than 2 previous c-sections



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# Why should surrogates work with an agency?



Working with an agency provides you with full service support and guidance throughout the entire process.

All aspects of the surrogacy journey are handled by our team: matching, screening, legal work, and social work support. We handle any issues that may arise.

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# How much do surrogates make?

At Circle Surrogacy, the fees to a gestational surrogate can start anywhere from \$22,500 to \$29,000 . This is called the **base fee** and does not include additional compensation for various expenses and reimbursements such as travel, maternity clothes, transfer fees and lost wages/bed rest.

The *real* reward, however is not financial—it is the opportunity to provide a couple or individual the chance to have a family of their own. If you're ready to take the next step, you can find our [application form](#) on our website.

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# Why choose Circle Surrogacy?



With more than *16 years of experience and well over 500 births*, Circle Surrogacy is one of the oldest and largest surrogate parenting agencies in the world. We have a strong interconnected surrogacy community who educate and support one another throughout their journeys as well as dedicated support systems in place to enhance your surrogacy experience.

We thoroughly screen our prospective parents, surrogates and egg donors to ensure that all parties share the same values and commitment. We firmly believe that an open and honest approach results in a more rewarding journey.

Our goal is for you to have one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. If you're ready to make a difference in someone's life, your [journey begins here](#).

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# The next steps!

If you're ready to take the next step, click below to apply on our website. You'll complete a questionnaire about your medical and personal history. Then we'll be in touch about how to move forward!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of our surrogate outreach team:

**Apply Now!**



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