

## HOME STUDY CONTRACT

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request the services of Adoption Choices of Colorado to conduct an adoptive family assessment for the purposes of domestic adoption, foster care, international adoption or guardianship placement of a child into my/ our home, and to provide other services as may be described below.

**It is agreed that we will provide detailed family background information on all family members, will complete agency forms as required, and otherwise cooperate with the agency to collect sufficient information about our family to complete an evaluation. I/we will provide personal references and copies of required documents, e.g., birth certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, military discharge, medical evaluation, tax returns for the last three years, and other items which may be needed. Providing false or inaccurate information may be cause for the agency to discontinue the home study process.**

**The agency will complete a written report that will include the family background information, information about the child, and the agency's recommendation about the suitability of the applicants. It is understood that the placement recommendation is required by the court and will be based upon a professional assessment of the family's strengths and ability to provide a stable home environment for a child. It is an objective evaluation and a favorable recommendation is not guaranteed. I/We agree to hold agency harmless for the positive or negative evaluation that it may make and from any consequences that may result from such a recommendation.**

**The agency agrees to complete the adoptive home assessment and post-placement supervision, if applicable, in a reasonable period of time, typically from 6 to 8 weeks depending upon the applicants' cooperation and timely participation in the process.**

**It is understood that the agreed upon charges for services are:**

Domestic Home Study	\$1350.00
International Home Study	\$1750.00
Domestic Home Study Update	\$ 900.00
Post-placement services/reports	<u>\$300/ea.</u>

**\*not due until the child enters your home.**

*NOTE: If you are adopting a child from another state, please ask the placement agency if the Colorado ICPC processing fee (\$16) is included in your contract. If it is not, and if Adoption Choices of Colorado will be doing your post-placement supervision, you agree to remit a separate check in the amount of \$160 made payable to Adoption Alliance, the Colorado ICPC office, before returning to Colorado with the child. The fee will be held in an escrow account for you until the child's birth. Further, we agree to advise the Agency when we are traveling to the sending state for placement of the child.*

*Further, should the caseworker be required to appear in court at the hearing to finalize the adoption, we agree to pay an additional \$100 fee for services rendered.*

**The application and fee for the adoptive home assessment are required to be submitted upon execution of this agreement unless other arrangements are made. If you wish, fees for post-placement supervision are payable once the child is placed in your home.**

**It is understood that the fees are nonrefundable unless the agency cancels services without cause. I/We will reimburse agency for any other agreed-upon costs that the agency incurs on our behalf.**

**Further, it is understood that should there be any significant changes in our situation, e.g., change of residence, employment change, we will immediately notify the Agency, and depending upon where the Agency is in completing the home assessment, there may be additional charges. If these significant changes occur after completion of the home assessment, an updated adoptive home assessment will be required.**

**The services we are requesting are below: (check the boxes that apply)**

- Domestic Home Study
- International Home Study
- Update to Home Study
- Post Placement Reports - Number Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.**

**Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_**

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