

## **Pre-application Information for Prospective Adoptive Parents**

- 1. Agency's adoption services:** A Adoption Advocates of Georgia, Inc. offers each of the following services: adoption placements, pre-adoptive counseling, home study evaluations - domestic and international, post-placement supervision, and private court reports.
- 2. Agency's eligibility requirements for adoption:** Single applicants must be at least 23 years old. Married applicants must be at least 21 years old and have been married at least one year. Applicants must have been residents of Georgia for a minimum of six months at the time of finalization. There must be a minimum of 10 years between the age of the adoptive parents and the adopted child.
- 3. Description of procedures involved with adoption:** Applicants complete a home study evaluation, receive a referral, accept placement of a child, take part in post placement supervision, and finalize the child's adoption.
- 4. Fee schedule and refund policies: See form**
- 5. Approximate time assessment and adoption process will take:** Allow 3-5 weeks between application and a final decision on approval or disapproval of a home study. With an approved home study, couples might have placement within days or it could take as long as 18 months.
- 6. Types of children available for adoption:** Different programs and countries offer different types of children eligible for adoption.
  - A. Domestic adoption offers healthy newborns of all ethnicities. Occasionally, older children or sibling groups are available.
  - B. Special needs adoption offers children of all ethnicities and all ages, some single children and others in sibling groups. These children are in state care because of abuse and/or neglect and may have physical or emotional challenges.
  - C. International adoption offers children from different countries and different ethnicities. Most often, they are between six months and five years, though older children are also available.

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