

## **HOMESTUDIES**

A homestudy, also known as a preplacement study is required for all adoptions. It prepares you and approves you as an adoptive parent.

At Adoptions Plus, we love to do homestudies! Many of our staff are adoptive parents and have experienced the process from the inside. We provide homestudies with sensitivity, respect, insight and efficiency. We also help to get it where it needs to go.

### **The process**

There is no wait to start a homestudy. You start with an application. When your application is approved you receive the remainder of the homestudy paper work. You can do the paperwork on your time schedule. We have had families return it to us within a few days and then some that takes months. When your paperwork is in and you have met with a staff member, you will be assigned a counselor or social worker who will do your interviews and home visit. The minimum requirement for most studies is an interview with the couple, individual interviews with each person living in the home, and a visit to your home. It often involves more meetings and adoption training. A comfortable time frame for a homestudy is about one to three months from start to finish.

### **The paperwork**

We provide you with an itemized checklist (see attached) of all the necessary paperwork. Some of it we provide and you simply fill out. Some of it you gather for us. Our counseling staff and office staff can walk you through every piece of paper.

### **Can we do your study?**

Yes! We can meet the requirements for New Mexico, other states, other countries, other agencies and USCIS. We have completed homestudies for our agency; dozens of other agencies; NMCYFD; Family Adoptions, Independent Adoptions and International Adoptions. Our international studies include; China, Vietnam, Philippines, Korea, Russia, Ukraine, Republic of Georgia, Kazakstan, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Panama, Mexico, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa,

### **Fees**

After the application fee of \$300, the homestudy is \$1250. For international adoptions and other agencies, we also charge a \$350 transfer fee. It includes all the additional paperwork and correspondence.