



Domestic Adoption Program Overview

All Blessings International, Inc. offers adoption child-placing services for infants born within the United States and voluntarily relinquished for adoption by his or her birthparents. Because birthparents are given the unique opportunity to select a loving family for their child, it is necessary that adoptive parents compose a “Dear Birthmother” letter and prepare a family profile. It is wise to spend some time creating a nice family profile. We educate families about the benefits of open adoption for all members of the adoption triad and strongly encourage families to consider open adoption. We also network with several reputable agencies that place American infants.



General Adoptive Parent Requirements – To be eligible to adopt an infant born within the United States, parents should be at least 21 years and there is no maximum age. Both married couples and single applicants are able to adopt in this program, and there is no limit for number of children residing in the home (however, it is less likely for birthparents to select an adoptive family already containing several children). General adoptive parent requirements are very broad, so please contact ABI, Inc. for further information.

The Homestudy & Required Documents– At this time, we only accept Kentucky & Missouri families utilizing the homestudy services of ABI, Inc. Until a child is made available for adoption and offered to your family for an adoptive placement, the family homestudy is kept on file in our office. The homestudy must be updated every twelve months, per state and federal regulations. There are some basic required documents for a homestudy and you will be provided a list of those documents prior starting. Renewal for supporting documents is also required every twelve months, and a greatly reduced fee for an updated homestudy is charged.

The Waiting Period – Adoptive parents are chosen by birth families, thus there is no guarantee of when or if an adoptive family will be selected. Some families might be selected two weeks after file activation, and others might wait several years and never be chosen – thus, a “timeline guarantee” does not exist. We require that adoptive applicants submit their profile to at least one other placing agency to increase their exposure to birth parents; however, this requirement can cause difficulty for families seeking a Caucasian child, as many agencies accepting out-of-state families for Caucasian placement require non-refundable fees which are charged whether or not that agency actually places a child with that family.

Referral – Our program does not license our families as foster families because we do not place children with adoptive families until we actually have court-ordered termination of parental rights for the birthmother. In situations where the birthfather is identified, we do not place a child until we also have the court-ordered termination of his rights, as well. In situations where the birthfather is unnamed or unknown, we will place a child with the adoptive family as long as they understand and are accepting that the birthfather has rights to the child if he asserts himself within sixty days of the child’s birth. Such a situation can occur, but is very rare. Once a child is referred to a family, they have physical custody of the child, while this agency holds the actual legal guardianship until the adoption is completed.

Post Placement Visits – ABI, Inc. will conduct post placements evaluations in the months following your child’s arrival, following the regulations of your child’s state of birth and placing agency, if applicable. A report describing the child’s health and adjustment is then written and submitted.

Additional Reports – ABI, Inc. requires monthly written reports, along with pictures, be filed with this office until finalization is completed. Yearly reports are requested from that point on, so that the birth family could have access to the child’s development, should they choose. All families must understand that these reports and pictures will be shared with birthfamilies as they are submitted – we will take no responsibility for identifying information that is submitted on these forms and will make no attempt to omit such information. For families attempting a semi-open adoption arrangement, it is the adoptive family’s responsibility to ensure that they do not disclose identifying information in these reports and pictures.