

Domestic Infant Adoption

Steps to Becoming an Adopting Parent

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Domestic Adoption through Nightlight

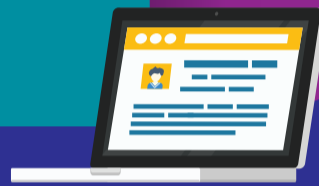
- We will listen to your story and desires
- Ask questions, receive answers
- Determine if domestic adoption is the right path for you
- Submit your application online



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Orientation of Program Details

- Meet with Domestic Program Coordinator
- Understand Nightlight responsibilities
- Understand your responsibilities



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Adoption Home Study

- Interviews & home visit by Social Worker
- Background checks/references
- Adoption education completion
- Medical physical completion



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Creating Your Story

- The art of creating a Personal Profile
- Helping birth parents understand who you are
- Writing an effective, brief, "Dear Expectant Parent" letter
- Why a video may be your most effective tool



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Matching Success!

- Attracting expectant parents
- Using Adoption Bridge, marketing your profile
- Introduction to expectant parents
- Guidelines for building a positive relationship
- Receiving a hospital plan



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Your Baby is Born!

- Alerted when labor begins
- Follow hospital and delivery plan
- Begin bonding with your baby
- Complete release documentation
 - For interstate adoptions, receive ICPC approval before returning home.



ADOPTION BRIDGE

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Legal Adoption Finalization

- A petition is filed with the court by you or your attorney
- Attend your scheduled court adoption hearing
- Your adoption is final and legally recorded with the state!



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Visits After You Come Home

- Called post-placement visits
- Made by social worker to your home
- Number of visits determined by your state
- Birth parent(s) parental rights terminated (in some states this occurs along with step 8)



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Continuing Your Parenting Journey

- On-going positive relationship with the birth parent(s)
- Telling your child his adoption story
- Providing Nightlight with regular progress updates



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