

Adoptive Parents' Statement Of Informed Participation



Inheritance Adoptions

While we believe there are many advantages which accompany participation in an open adoption program, we recognize that these advantages are gained as a consequence of risk taking. We want prospective participants to realize that there are many unpredictable elements to the program, and that there is potential for outcomes which may be viewed as displeasing. The following is a less than exhaustive listing for observations which might be viewed as having potentially negative implications for prospective adoptive parents.

- All policies are subject to change without notice.
- The most appropriate resource for a child is to be determined by the birth family, not the adoption worker.
- It is possible to have "available for adoption placement" status and never be chosen.
- It is possible to be chosen several times but never have a placement finalized.
- Projections or forecasts regarding the length of wait are speculative and in no manner should be understood as binding.
- Birthparents considering adoption often change their minds and have every right to do so prior to releasing their parental rights.
- The agency's concerns fall in this order: the child, the birth family, the adoptive family.
- The agency is not able to predict which birthparents will implement a release plan or which will reverse such a plan.
- The agency is not able to predict with certainty how many placements it will make in a forthcoming year.
- The agency is unable to guarantee the physical and mental health of the children it places for adoption.
- Some children struggle painfully with the theme of adoption throughout their lives.
- The agency is not responsible for the actions of birthparents or their affiliates.
- Once an adoption is finalized, adoptive parents will take on all parental obligations and assume legal responsibility for the child.
- The agency may at any time for good reason rescind the "available for adoptive placement" status it has granted.
- The agency believes that adopted children usually benefit from a continuing link to their birth families. Consistent with this belief, the agency will assist parties in their reasonable effort to maintain contact.
- The laws pertaining to adoption may change in such a fashion as to alter the agency's manner of providing services.

We are entering Inheritance Adoptions open adoption program voluntarily. In doing so we realize that the agency makes no guarantees and that policies and circumstances are subject to change, at any time without notice.

_____ Date ____/____/____
Husband's Signature

_____ Date ____/____/____
Wife's Signature