



CERTIFICATION OF PRE-ADOPTION PREPARATION

It is the belief of Adopt International that adopting families should be fully prepared for the experience of adopting a child. There are special issues involved when you adopt a child domestically or from another country. Adopt International will provide pre-adoption counseling through seminars, classes, suggested reading materials and videos, during the home study process. The agency requires that all clients residing in Northern California attend the Adoptive Parent Preparation **Seminar**, held monthly in the San Francisco office. For families adopting transracially or transculturally, the **Transracial** class that addresses these issues, is also required. There is no charge to attend these classes. Families residing outside of Northern California, may meet the pre-adoption educational requirement by taking at least **two** of the adoptive parent preparation courses offered through the Internet. Free Internet access is available through local libraries to anyone who does not have access to a home computer.

The three options for courses through www.adoptionlearningpartners.org are:

- * "Let's Talk about Adoption" (Domestic adoption)
- * "With Eyes Wide Open" (Required for International adoption)
- * "The Journey of Attachment" (Required for both Domestic and International)
- * "Conspicuous Families" (Required for transracial adoptions, Domestic or International)

Clients will request a Certificate of Completion for the completed course, at a cost of \$45 per course, to be submitted to Adopt International as proof of completion. Please enter agency code **F366AI**.

The requirement of completing educational pre-adoption classes is mandated by the State of California. ***Families adopting internationally from a country who is Hague compliant must complete 10 hours of training AND cover 11 specific topics of education. Please see the attached checklist and spreadsheet to assist you in meeting this requirement.***

By your signature on this page you are agreeing that you will endeavor to read all printed material supplied to you by Adopt International; that you agree to attend the classes in San Francisco and/or complete one or more of the above-listed adoptive parent internet courses and submit certificates of completion for these courses.

Parent #1 Signature

Date

Parent #2 Signature

Date