



Welcome!

Thank you for contacting Adopt International. We are happy to help you update your home study. We are a non-profit, private agency licensed by the State of California. We welcome you back to our community, and look forward to assisting you in another adoption. If you are new with us, we are happy that you have selected our agency to help you.

Services

Our agency can assist families who are working with other agencies or with independent attorneys. We can complete a Home Study Update when necessary and can assist in facilitating the adoption process. When adopting from another state, we will work cooperatively to obtain approval from the ICPC, Interstate Compact. Counseling birth parents may be needed prior to obtaining relinquishments. Our office can provide services to the birth parents and we will make referrals when appropriate. For international adoptions, we can assist you with the USCIS process, we offer international placements, and/or can work cooperatively with another placement agency that you choose.

The Adoption Home Study Update Process

The Adoption Home Study Process is a gathering of current information since you last completed your Home Study. It can usually be completed in 2 sessions. Hopefully the process is educational for you, the prospective parent/s. The discussions cover information, feelings, and ideas about the following:

1. Current changes in the family, addition of children
2. Individual histories (family, education, career) new information
3. Updating of documentation
4. Current medicals and fingerprints

If you have added a child into your home since the Home Study, conversations will focus on parenting and the addition of another child. Attendance at an Educational

Seminar is required for all applicants adopting again. Additional education may also be required depending on the specifics of your adoption.

Cost

Enclosed is a Home Study Update Fee Agreement, please consult your agency representative for fees that apply to your adoption.

How Long Does All This Take?

If the prospective parent(s) promptly complete and return all needed documents, the Adoption Home Study Update can be completed in four to eight weeks. Adopt International prides itself on the speed and efficiency with which it completes the Adoption Home Study Update and other aspects of the adoption procedure. We are available to help in emergency situations, and we are able to expedite home studies when necessary. We are available Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Emergency phone numbers are available as needed.

We are happy to work with you on your Updated Home Study. Our best wishes in building your family through adoption. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Adopt International