



Nathanson Adoption Services

The Homestudy Agency

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Dear Prospective Adoptive Parents,

Thank you for requesting information about obtaining a preplacement assessment from Nathanson Adoption Services. Our goal is to help you navigate through the initial steps of the adoption process in a caring, compassionate manner.

We have enclosed a fee agreement, two-page application, and a form for conducting background checks (the RIL form, DSS Form 5268). After you have filled out those documents, please sign and return them to us, along with your check made payable to Nathanson Adoption Services.

When we receive your application, signed fee agreement, completed RIL form, and a check, we will review your application. Our staff will then determine if it would be appropriate for us to conduct your preplacement assessment. Within a few days, we will notify you of our determination in writing. If we conclude that it would not be prudent to proceed with the assessment, your check will be fully refunded at that point. If it is decided that we can proceed with the assessment, you will receive more detailed information about the process, and we will schedule our first meeting. After we begin the assessment process, fees are nonrefundable. A determination to proceed with the assessment is not a guarantee of a favorable report.

We also invite you to visit our website at www.NathansonAdopt.com, which offers answers to many frequently asked questions as well as information about the adoption process itself.

We look forward to working with you, and appreciate the opportunity to be part of your adoption experience.

Sincerely,

Helene M. Nathanson, MHDL
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