



UNDERSTANDING OF ADOPTIVE HOME STUDY EVALUATION

We have asked A Guardian Angel Adoptions, LLC (AGAA), to update or complete an Adoptive Home Study Evaluation. We understand the following:

1. AGAA is registered as a for-profit agency.
2. AGAA has not applied for accreditation through the Hague Convention. The convention establishes international standards of practices for intercountry adoptions only. Domestic studies for United States citizens are not affected by the Hague.
3. AGAA does not complete or update home studies for international adoptions. The home study being updated or completed will be written as a domestic home study *only*. It is NOT valid for foster care.
4. Unless you have lived in Utah **less** than five years or have been out of country for **more** than five weeks in the last five years, our Utah Office of Licensing (OL) Background Criminal Investigation screenings WILL NOT include FBI checks. This satisfies Utah law regarding a preplacement evaluation. However, prior to finalization, it is your responsibility to receive FBI checks through the Department of Transportation or other police agency even if they were previously completed by OL. Additionally, if you are required to have FBIs based on a placement outside of Utah, it is your responsibility to complete these checks prior to travel.
5. AGAA will include information regarding your reference letters (two friends and one family member required) and physician's referrals in the preplacement evaluation. However, AGAA is unable to forward these documents to any other agency. There are no exceptions. If the letters and referrals are given to you directly, you may choose, without approval from AGAA, to make copies with the permission of the authors prior to providing the documents to AGAA. Documents are not released after they are given to AGAA.
6. A home study is no longer valid and must be updated after a placement is made if you wish to adopt again. A home study is good for one year from the date it is approved.
7. AGAA makes no representations regarding adoptions outside of the agency. As requested, AGAA will complete post placement visits your family for a placement by AGAA. For placements with another agency, AGAA will not complete post placement visits without written consent from an agency director.

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Hendren at (801) 455-8958. You may fax the signed document to A Guardian Angel Adoptions, LLC at (801)568-0567.

Prospective Adoptive Father Signature

Prospective Adoptive Mother Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date

Date