



## Harmony Adoptions of Tennessee, Inc. Home Study Assessment Contract

This Home Study Assessment Contract (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) is made and entered into This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to individually and collectively as “Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)”) and Harmony Adoptions of Tennessee, Inc., d/b/a \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as “Agency”).

WHEREAS, the Prospective Adoptive Parents desire or are in need of a valid Home Study Assessment to be performed by a licensed agency in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a duly licensed child placing Agency authorized in the state of Tennessee to perform and certify Home Study Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Prospective Adoptive Parents desire to retain the Agency to perform such an assessment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual promises and undertakings and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. The Agency agrees to perform a Home Study Assessment of the Prospective Adoptive Parents’ home.
2. The prospective Adoptive Parents agree to meet with an adoption worker, employed by the Agency, individually and as a couple during the assessment process for the purpose of providing information to complete the Home Study Assessment. Such meetings shall take place at the request of the Agency. The Agency represents, and the prospective Adoptive Parents acknowledge, that typically there will need to be between one (1) and three (3) meetings, although additional meetings may be necessary should the circumstance so merit. The adoption worker, employed by the Agency shall be permitted to visit the home of the Prospective Adoptive Parents and shall be permitted to spend time with any child (ren) of the Prospective Adoptive Parents. Any adults living in the home will also be interviewed. The Prospective Adoptive Parents agree to provide all necessary information requested through the application process for the Home Study Assessment.
3. The Prospective Adoptive Parents agree to pay the Agency a fee for an Domestic Adoptive Home Study Assessment of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the following manner:

- a. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) due and payable upon the execution of this Agreement; and
  - b. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) due and payable at the time of the completion of the home study.
4. The Prospective Adoptive Parents agree to pay the Agency a fee for an International Adoptive Home Study Assessment of One Thousand Dollars and four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) in the following manner:
    - a. Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) due and payable upon the execution of this Agreement; and
    - b. Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) due and payable at the time of the completion of the home study.
  5. In addition to the above-noted fee, the Prospective Adoptive Parents shall be billed at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per hour for any required updates and/or revisions that must be made to a completed Home Study Assessment. A revision and/or update shall be required in the event that there is a substantial change in the home environment of the Prospective Adoptive Parents or the Home Study Assessment is outdated due to lapse of time as determined by the Agency. Prospective Adoptive Parents living outside of Blount or Knox counties may be responsible for mileage incurred at a rate of \$0.46 per mile.
  6. The Agency shall provide the Prospective Adoptive Parents with at least two signed and notarized copies of the Home Study Assessment upon completion. The Agency shall forward signed and notarized copies of the Home Study Assessment to any facilitating agency or attorney at the request of the Prospective Adoptive Parents. In the event that the interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) requires, the Agency shall forward three copies of the Home Study Assessment to the state ICPC office.
  7. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction so orders or the Prospective Adoptive Parents request, the Agency shall provide post-placement supervision for Tennessee adoptions. Typically, post-placement supervision requires two to three visits to the home of the Prospective Adoptive Parents, although in appropriate circumstances, additional visits may be required. Post-placement supervision shall be charged at the rate of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per visit to be billed at the time of the visit.
  8. In the event that an international placing agency requires the completion of post placement supervision the Agency shall provide post-placement supervision in compliance with the requirements of the international placing agency and the placing country. Typically, post-placement supervision requires two to three visits to the home of the Prospective Adoptive Parents during the first year of placement. Occasionally there is a requirement for these to continue for three years post placement. Post-placement supervision shall be charged at the rate of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) per visit to be billed at the time of the visit. Some international agencies require that the adoptive family pay for the post placement visits prior to placement of the child.
  9. The Agency warrants that it is a duly licensed child placing agency within the state of Tennessee.
  10. In the event that any portion or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void or of no effect, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement.
  11. Any dispute as to the making, interpretation, or performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Tennessee.

By the signatures below, the parties acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to all of the provisions of this Agreement and the same shall be of full force and effect as of the day and date above written.

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS:

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Prospective Adoptive Mother

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Prospective Adoptive Father

AGENCY:

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Representative of Harmony Adoptions of Tennessee, Inc.