



Questionnaire for all Adoptions

Adoption Issues:

1. Why do you want to adopt a child?
2. What does your extended family think of your adoption plans?
3. Do you think adoption is different than biological parenting? How?
4. Are there issues of infertility? If so, describe the process that led you to adopt
5. What do you think are the risks and rewards of adopting a child?
6. How will help your child understand their adoption story? How will you talk with them about adoption?
7. What are some of the challenges that you think adoptees deal with throughout their lives?

8. What are some of the challenges that you think adoptive families face?

9. Do you have any information about the birth parents of the child? If so, how do you feel about the birth parents?

10. How will you talk with your child about his or her birth parents?

11. How will you deal with insensitive comments and questions? How will you help your child deal with these comments?

12. What are your thoughts and feelings about the level of openness and contact with the birth family in an adoption?

13. How would you feel if your child wants to search for his or her birth parents?

14. List any books, magazines or web sites that you have read or researched about general adoption issues:

Parenting Issues:

1. How will you share parenting responsibilities as a couple? Please be specific

2. What is your concept of being a good parent?

3. What is your philosophy of disciplining children?

4. What are some specific discipline techniques you feel are helpful with children?

5. What should be avoided in disciplining children?

6. How were you disciplined as a child? How has that affected your views or practices in disciplining children?

7. What is your child care plan?

8. How would you describe your level of understanding and knowledge of child development?
Where will you seek information about child development?

9. What is your plan to facilitate attachment with your child after you adopt? Please be specific.

10. List any books, magazines or other resources that you have read or researched related to parenting and general child care:

10. Have you ever been a victim of child abuse including neglect, emotional or physical abuse?

11. Have you ever been a victim of sexual abuse?

12. Have you ever been a victim of domestic violence?

13. Have you ever been a victim of emotional abuse?

14. Have you ever been treated for mental illness? If so, when and for how long?

15. Have you ever received counseling or treatment for emotional, mental or behavioral problems? If so, when and for how long?

16. Have you ever sought counseling or treatment for substance or alcohol abuse/dependency?

17. Have you ever received counseling for marital problems? If so, when and for how long?

18. Have you ever been separated or threatened divorce?

19. Have you had previous marriages? If so, did they end by death or divorce? Please explain.