


## Child searching is a very important part of the adoption process.

Family Adoption Specialists conduct at least 8 \*child searches each month for our Matching Assistance Members. Many families don't have time to sift through the 1000's of children seen on these listing sites. Your Family Adoption Specialist does this for you. Searching and reading each child's biography for the right fit for your family. The information is compiled into a search document that gets sent to you each time your Family Adoption Specialist searches.

A sample search is seen below.

### NATIONAL CHILD SEARCH FOR mm/dd/yyyy

|  | <b>Case #:</b> KY01D693 | <b>Status:</b> Active |        |                 |       |             |  |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|-------------|--|
| Case #  | Name                    | Age                   | Gender | Race            | State | Last Update |  |
| KY01D693  | Jasmine                 | 14                    | F      | White/Caucasian | KY    | 12/06/10    |  |

Looking at Jasmine's picture, you will see an adorable young girl who is... times. When being taped for Wednesday's Child Jasmine tried hard to... some gymnastics basics. The teacher said Jasmine has a natural talent... smile and a good attitude even though she has been through some dif... progress in the last year but will continue to need assistance. Jasmine... needs lots of attention and parental approval. Jasmine talks about ado... She just needs someone to tell her that she matters. Jasmine likes dan... does well with her work and with organized activities. She recently enj... Kentucky State Fair. She also likes going shopping (like most girls!) and... Jasmine misses living with her little brother but they stay in contact wi... continue even after Jasmine goes to live with her adoptive family. Jasn... support of a strong, loving family in order to help her develop confider... Are you the family that can help Jasmine succeed and be happy?

Please note: Kentucky does not provide diagnostic information in comp... Confidentiality laws in Kentucky. Once an adoptive placement is found... is signed additional information can be shared.

#### Risk Factors:

- None

[www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org)

With every child search we conduct, families receive information such as state of residence, child's age, or D.O.B., case/id #, web URL, and a biography of information available to the public.

Some of this information is needed to submit your homestudy.

Your Family Adoption Specialist or our submission team will attempt to collect caseworker contact information whenever possible.



Next on the stage is Amber! A gifted artist, this teen loves to draw. So she doesn't limit herself to one method of artistic expression, Amber also writes her own songs and enjoys dancing! Making friends is one of her priorities for the social scene. Amber is in the eighth grade where she benefits from an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). She has been making great strides at school! She also attends counseling, which will need to continue after placement. She may need some assistance as an adult, but she can have a wonderful future. Her caseworker prefers a two-parent or single-mother Colorado home; however, all family types will be considered. Amber hopes to remain in contact with her brother. Financial assistance may be available for adoption-related services. For Colorado children, both homestudied and non-homestudied Colorado families are encouraged to inquire; only homestudied families from other states should do so.

Name: Amber, Child ID: 7301, State: CO, Birthday: 8/1996, Grade in school: 8, Special Interests: Drawing, dancing, writing songs, Ethnicity: Caucasian/White, Listed On: 3/2011

--Please follow the link below for a video.

<http://theadoptionexchange.org/child-adoption-profile.cfm?ChildID=7301>

## TO SUBMIT YOUR HOMESTUDY ON CHILDREN FOUND

If you see a child on another website or your Family Adoption Specialist sends you a child search, and you want to submit your homestudy on one or more of the children, you can do so by logging in to your Matching Assistance Account. Clicking on the "Submit On Offsite Child" button on your Family Home Page brings you to the next step.

Fill in the information circled below and click Option B submit. Answer the questions on the next screen and submit again.

Questions are:

- Why are you a good match for this child/children?
- Is there anything in your study you would like to further explain?
- Have you done additional training and/or supports since the study was written?

**That's it!** Your submission request has been sent to our submission team and will be processed within 48 hours.

## SUBMIT ON OFFSITE CHILD PAGE

### Option A: Oregon Families...

You can submit directly on OARE children, listed below, and see them [here](#)

Select the children/bulletin number



For More Information

IE user? Click the bar on top first

### Option B: All Families (for children not on our website)...

By supplying us with the following information we will attempt to locate the caseworker for the child you are interested in. Please supply as much information as you have available.

Webpage URL

Child(ren)'s State

Caseworker Name (when available)

Caseworker Email (when available)

Child(ren)'s Name(s):

Child(ren)'s Case/Bulletin#:

## The Role of the Family Adoption Specialist

(included with the \$100 membership)

As a part of one of our Matching Assistance Programs, each family receives contact from a Family Adoption Specialist. They are specially trained to find children who meet the family's child preferences. Their first priority is to provide families with eight child searches per month, four from our Matching Assistance database, and another composed from over 70 active photolisting sites across the country.

Family Adoption Specialists are also available to help answer questions about the adoption process including submission, selection, and placement. They keep in contact with your Adoption worker to stay updated about your progress in your adoption journey. Additionally, these motivated individuals can help find contact information and complete follow up on children a family has submitted their homestudy for.

The adoption journey can be a long and difficult. Your FAS is a great source of support during the process. These caring individuals are there to help you with technical issues, questions, resources, or if you just need to tell someone how you are feeling.