

# A Family For Every Child

## Matching Assistance Program

Oregon is a worker to worker state, so we ask families not to call the workers themselves but to have their adoption workers do so for them.

If you send a home study, please make sure it fits the following qualifications:

\*Your home study is clearly dated and not older than 1 year. If it is older than that, you will need to get it updated.

\*Your home study is clearly marked that you are "approved for adoption" and that you are "approved for the age, behavior and or special needs" of the child you are considering. For instance: don't submit on a sibling group if you are only approved for a single child. If not, you will need to get an addendum. We have seen many families disregarded for this reason.

\*Your home study should contain a cover sheet with your Adoption Agency name and Adoption Workers contact information including; your adoption worker's name, phone number and email.

\* You should also confirm that your Adoption Agency will work with Oregon, they either have a current contract with Oregon and/or can obtain one quickly and will/can oversee a foster placement until finalization.

\* Your home study should state what pre-adoptive training that you have taken. If it's not Foundations, PRIDE or MAPP then we need an addendum from the adoption worker stating they have been trained and assessed and meet Oregon requirements.

\* Your home study must include the dates of the medical exam for both parents.

\* Your home study must include the dates of the criminal background and child abuse checks.

\* Your home study must include the outcome of the reference checks.

After we get your study and submit it to the case worker we will send you a confirmation email stating it has been sent. We routinely submit home studies three days a week.

The recruitment time line is not up to us and can vary a great deal from case worker to case worker. We do however, contact workers every other week for updates.

As soon as a child's worker is no longer accepting studies, we will mark that on the child's page. This could mean they have set a committee day or that they are filtering through the studies.

If you are considered a good match and/or one of the final families, your adoption worker will be contacted by the child's worker. At this point you will be given a chance to go

through the Child Summary, which is much more detailed information on a child (below). This is when you will get all the information you need to move to the next step or pull out if you feel the child is not a good match for your family. If you are not picked as a potential match, your adoption worker may never be contact do to the sheer number of submitted studies. You may have your adoption worker do follow up with the child's worker.

Child's information you should expect:

1. Child Summary
2. Any medical or psych documents that are referenced in the summary.
3. Any IEP or EI documents that are referenced in the summary.
4. Any sibling separation documents if they exist.
5. Any CDRC documents if they are referenced in the summary.

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